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Head Coach
Dave Wannstedt

2008 Brut Sun Bowl

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Quick Facts

Location	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Enrollment	33,574
Founded	1787
Conference	Big East
Nickname	Panthers
Colors	Blue and Gold
Chancellor	Mark A. Nordenberg
Athletic Director	Steve Pederson
2008 Record	9-3
2008 Big East Record	5-2 (T-2nd)
Home Stadium	Heinz Field (65,050/grass)
Head Coach	Dave Wannstedt
Alma Mater	Pittsburgh (B.S. 1974, M.Ed. 1976)
Record at Pitt	25-22 (fourth season)
Overall	Same
Offensive System	Pro Style
Defensive System	4-3
Football Office Phone	412-648-8700
Media Relations Phone	412-648-8240
Media Relations Fax	412-648-8248
Web	www.pittsburghpanthers.com
Associate AD/Media Relations	E.J. Borghetti (football contact)
Borghetti email	eborghetti@athletics.pitt.edu
Borghetti cell phone	412-491-5110
Associate Media Relations Director	Mendy Nestor
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Bowl Media and Travel Information

Travel Plans: The Panthers will depart Pittsburgh via charter flight on Friday, Dec. 26, at 10 a.m. EST and arrive in El Paso at approximately 12:30 p.m. MST (2:30 p.m. EST). The team is scheduled to depart El Paso immediately following the game on Wednesday, Dec. 31. (Note that MST is two hours earlier than EST.)

Pitt Media Contacts: Pitt associate athletic director E.J. Borghetti and associate media relations director Mendy Nestor will accompany the team and handle all media requests. Please note the following contact information:

Borghetti cell: (412) 491-5110
Borghetti email: eborghetti@athletics.pitt.edu
Nestor cell: (412) 849-9470
Nestor email: mnestor@athletics.pitt.edu

Pitt Team Headquarters:
Marriott El Paso
1600 Airway Boulevard
El Paso, TX 79925
(915) 779-3300

Oregon State Information: Oregon State assistant athletic director for communications Steve Fenk will handle all press requests for the Beavers. He can be reached via email at steve.fenk@oregonstate.edu.

Oregon State Team Headquarters:
Radisson Hotel El Paso Airport
1770 Airway Boulevard
El Paso, TX 79925
(915) 772-3333

Brut Sun Bowl Media Relations: Trenten Hilburn will be the Brut Sun Bowl contact for all media-related questions, including credential distribution. Hilburn's contact information is as follows:

Brut Sun Bowl
4150 Pinnacle, Suite 100
El Paso, TX 79902
Hilburn Office Phone: (800) 915-2695 or (915) 533-4416
Hilburn Cell: (915) 490-6005
Hilburn email: trenten@sunbowl.org
Sun Bowl website: www.sunbowl.org

Media Headquarters: The Hawthorn Inn & Suites will serve as the primary media hotel for the Brut Sun Bowl. It is located at 6789 Boeing Drive, El Paso, TX 79925. The primary phone numbers for the hotel are (915) 778-6789 and (800) 527-1133. Both a media hospitality room and media workroom will be located at the Hawthorn Inn & Suites.

Distribution of Media Credentials: Media credentials will not be mailed. They may be picked up at the media hotel, Hawthorn Inn & Suites, on Monday, Dec. 29, and Tuesday, Dec. 30, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. On the day of the game (Wednesday, Dec. 31), credentials may be picked up at the media will call gate at Sun Bowl Stadium from 9 a.m. until kickoff at noon.

Press Conferences: Please note the following press conference schedule for the Brut Sun Bowl. All times are TBA unless otherwise designated.

Sunday, Dec. 28: Hawthorn Inn & Suites (Head Coach)
Pitt Head Coach Dave Wannstedt
Oregon State Head Coach Mike Riley

Monday, Dec. 29: Hawthorn Inn & Suites (Coordinators)
Pitt's Matt Cavanaugh (offense) and Phil Bennett (defense)
Oregon State's Danny Langsdorf (offense) and Mark Banker (defense)

Tuesday, Dec. 30: Judson F. Williams Convention Center
10:30 a.m. – Coaches Wannstedt and Riley

Wednesday, Dec. 31: Sun Bowl Stadium
Postgame Press Conference – Interviews will be conducted in the south end of Sun Bowl Stadium. Losing coach and players will be interviewed first, immediately followed by winning coach and players.

Pitt Practices and Media Availability: The Panthers will practice at Socorro Independent School District Athletic Complex located at 1300 Joe Battle Boulevard, El Paso, TX 79936. Practices will be held Dec. 27-29. For starting times, please contact either Pitt's E.J. Borghetti/Mendy Nestor or the Sun Bowl's Trenten Hilburn.

Coach Dave Wannstedt will hold a pre-practice press briefing followed by a 30-minute window for practice observation by the media. Players will be available for brief interviews at the conclusion of the workout.

Sun Bowl Stadium: Historic Sun Bowl Stadium is located on the campus of the University of Texas at El Paso. The address is 2701 Sun Bowl Drive, El Paso, TX 79902. The press box number is (915) 747-5154.

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Probable Pitt Two-Deep

OFFENSE

SPLIT END
88 ODERICK TURNER (6-3, 205, JR*)
82 Jonathan Baldwin (6-5, 220, FR)

LEFT TACKLE
77 JASON PINKSTON (6-4, 300, SO*)
72 Chase Clowser (6-7, 330, SR*)

LEFT GUARD
70 DOMINIC WILLIAMS (6-4, 305, SR*)
62 John Bachman (6-4, 280, JR*)

CENTER
55 C.J. DAVIS (6-3, 310, SR)
53 Alex Karabin (6-1, 290, SO*)

RIGHT GUARD
74 JOHN MALECKI (6-3, 280, JR)
54 Chris Jacobson (6-3, 290, FR*)

RIGHT TACKLE
56 JOE THOMAS (6-5, 300, JR)
52 Lucas Nix (6-6, 300, FR)

TIGHT END
80 NATE BYHAM (6-3, 255, JR) OR
2 DORIN DICKERSON (6-2, 230, JR) OR
83 JOHN PELUSI (6-3, 260, JR*)

QUARTERBACK
11 BILL STULL (6-3, 215, JR*)
19 Pat Bostick (6-3, 220, SO)
12 Kevan Smith (6-3, 225, SO*) or
14 Greg Cross (6-2, 210, JR)

TAILBACK
25 LeSEAN McCOY (5-11, 210, SO)
34 LaRod Stephens-Howling (5-7, 180, SR)

FULLBACK
30 CONREDGE COLLINS (6-0, 230, SR)
27 Henry Hynoski (6-2, 250, FR*)

FLANKER
81 DEREK KINDER (6-1, 210, SR*)
1 Cedric McGee (6-1, 205, JR*) or
9 T.J. Porter (6-1, 195, JR)

DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE END
97 JABAAL SHEARD (6-4, 250, SO)
45 Tyler Tkach (6-3, 265, SO*)

DEFENSIVE TACKLE
95 MICK WILLIAMS (6-1, 285, JR*)
94 Myles Caragein (6-2, 275, FR*)

NOSE TACKLE
50 RASHAAD DUNCAN (6-2, 295, SR)
93 Gus Mustakas (6-3, 280, JR*)

DEFENSIVE END
91 GREG ROMEUS (6-5, 265, SO*)
90 Tony Tucker (6-2, 235, FR*)

SAM LINEBACKER
38 GREG WILLIAMS (6-3, 225, FR*)
44 Nate Nix (6-3, 235, SO*) or
49 Max Gruder (6-2, 235, FR*)

MIDDLE LINEBACKER
40 SCOTT McKILLOP (6-2, 240, SR*)
6 Steve Dell (6-1, 235, JR*)

WILL LINEBACKER
86 AUSTIN RANSOM (5-11, 215, SR*)
32 Tristan Roberts (6-0, 230, FR*)

BOUNDARY CORNERBACK
7 JOVANI CHAPPEL (5-9, 180, JR) OR
26 RICKY GARY (5-9, 175, SO*)

FREE SAFETY
28 ERIC THATCHER (5-9, 195, SR*)
20 Irvan Brown (6-0, 205, JR*) or
41 Andrew Taglianetti (5-11, 175, FR)

STRONG SAFETY
31 DOM DeCICCO (6-3, 220, SO)
4 Elijah Fields (6-2, 220, SO*)

FIELD CORNERBACK
17 AARON BERRY (5-11, 175, JR)
22 Antwuan Reed (5-10, 180, FR)

SPECIALISTS

PUNTER
18 DAVE BRYTUS (6-4, 230, SR*)
31 Dan Hutchins (5-11, 190, SO*)

PLACEKICKER
37 CONOR LEE (5-11, 200, SR*)
31 Dan Hutchins (5-11, 190, SO*)

HOLDER
4 ANDREW JANOCKO (6-1, 200, FR*)
18 Dave Brytus (6-4, 230, SR*)

LONG SNAPPER
59 MARK ESTERMYER (6-2, 245, SR*)
40 Scott McKillop (6-2, 240, SR*)

PUNT RETURNER
9 T.J. PORTER (6-1, 195, JR)
17 Aaron Berry (5-11, 175, JR)

KICKOFF RETURNER
34 LaROD STEPHENS-HOWLING (5-7, 180, SR)
10 AUNDRE WRIGHT (5-11, 180, FR*)
3 Aaron Smith (6-0, 180, FR*)

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Pitt Alphabetical Roster

98	Chas Alecxih	DL	FR*	6-5	275	Lancaster, PA/Penn Manor
62	John Bachman**	OL	JR*	6-4	280	Moon Township, PA/Moon Area
82	Jonathan Baldwin	WR	FR	6-5	220	Aliquippa, PA/Aliquippa
17	Aaron Berry**	DB	JR	5-11	175	Harrisburg, PA/Bishop McDevitt
57	Craig Bokor*	DL	JR*	6-3	290	Aliquippa, PA/Hopewell/Valley Forge Milit. Acad. (PA)
19	Pat Bostick*	QB	SO	6-3	220	Lancaster, PA/Manheim Township
6 (D)	Chris Bova	FB	JR*	5-11	240	Pittsburgh, PA/Baldwin
24 (D)	Luke Briggs	PK	SO*	5-9	180	Midland, MI/Herbert Henry Dow
20	Irvan Brown**	DB	JR*	6-0	205	Brewerton, NY/Paul V. Moore
18	Dave Brytus*	P	SR*	6-4	230	McDonald, PA/West Allegheny
29	Chris Burns	RB	FR	5-11	190	New Wilmington, PA/Wilmington Area
80	Nate Byham**	TE	JR	6-3	255	Franklin, PA/Franklin
5	Dan Cafaro	DB	JR*	5-10	170	Upper St. Clair, PA/Upper St. Clair
94	Myles Caragein	DL	FR*	6-2	275	Pittsburgh, PA/Keystone Oaks
7	Jovani Chappel**	DB	JR	5-9	180	Dayton, OH/Trotwood-Madison
72	Chase Clowser***	OL	SR*	6-7	330	LaGrange, OH/LaGrange-Keystone
92 (D)	Keith Coleman	DL	FR	6-4	300	Bronx, NY/HS for Math, Science & Engineering at CCNY
24	Kevin Collier*	RB	SO*	5-11	195	Rochester, NY/Churchville-Chili
30	Conredge Collins***	FB	SR	6-0	230	Miami, FL/Monsignor Edward Pace
66	Scott Corson	DL	SO*	6-5	280	Johnstown, PA/Greater Johnstown
38 (D)	Pat Costello	PK/P	FR	5-11	175	Greensburg, PA/Hempfield Area
14	Greg Cross	QB	JR	6-2	210	Brunswick, GA/Glynn Academy/Fort Scott C.C. (KS)
85	Mike Cruz	TE	FR	6-5	270	Johnstown, PA/Bishop McCort
55	C.J. Davis***	OL	SR	6-3	310	Imperial, PA/West Allegheny
31	Dom DeCicco*	DB	SO	6-3	220	Jefferson Hills, PA/Thomas Jefferson
6	Steve Dell**	LB	JR*	6-1	235	Fort Lauderdale, FL/Santaluces Community
2	Dorin Dickerson**	TE	JR	6-2	230	Imperial, PA/West Allegheny
51	Tommie Duhart*	DL	JR	6-4	290	Belle Glade, FL/Glades Central/Coffeyville C.C. (KS)
50	Rashaad Duncan***	DL	SR	6-2	295	Belle Glade, FL/Glades Central
10 (D)	Justin Edwards	DB	FR	6-1	195	Harrison City, PA/Penn-Trafford
59	Mark Estermyer***	LS	SR*	6-2	245	Chippewa, PA/Blackhawk
71	John Fieger	OL	FR*	6-5	295	Red Hill, PA/Upper Perkiomen
4	Elijah Fields*	DB	SO*	6-2	220	Duquesne, PA/Duquesne
48	Doug Fulmer*	DL	JR*	6-4	255	Syracuse, NY/Henninger
26	Ricky Gary*	DB	SO*	5-9	175	Pahokee, FL/Pahokee
60	Greg Gaskins	OL	FR*	6-4	295	York, PA/William Penn
68	Jordan Gibbs	OL	FR*	6-7	290	Lancaster, PA/Penn Manor
49	Max Gruder	LB	FR*	6-2	235	Charlotte, NC/Charlotte Country Day School
8	Adam Gunn***	LB	SR*	6-2	230	Vandergrift, PA/Kiski Area
46	Shayne Hale	LB	FR	6-4	240	Monroeville, PA/Gateway
96	Justin Hargrove	DL	FR*	6-3	250	Pittsburgh, PA/Baldwin
47 (D)	Kevin Harper	PK	FR	5-10	170	Mentor, OH/Mentor
43	Shariff Harris	RB	FR*	6-1	215	Newark, NJ/St. Peter's Prep School
26 (D)	Aaron Hassett	P	FR	5-11	180	Moon Township, PA/Moon Area
23	Ronald Hobby	DB	FR	5-10	175	Washington, DC/Gwynn Park
39	Jarred Holley	DB	FR	5-10	170	Easton, PA/Easton Area
64	Robb Houser	OL	JR	6-2	285	Chico, CA/Durham/Butte College (CA)
31 (D)	Dan Hutchins	PK	SO*	5-11	190	Williamsport, PA/Loyalsock Township
27	Henry Hynoski	FB	FR*	6-2	250	Elysburg, PA/Southern Columbia Area
21	Buddy Jackson	DB	FR*	6-0	175	Plantation, FL/Cypress Bay
54	Chris Jacobson	OL	FR*	6-3	290	Pittsburgh, PA/Keystone Oaks
4 (D)	Andrew Janocko	QB	FR*	6-1	200	Clearfield, PA/Clearfield Area
78	Derrell Jones	DL	JR*	6-2	320	Accokeek, Md./Westlake
63	Wayne Jones	OL	FR*	6-2	315	Johnstown, PA/Bishop McCort
16	Brian Kaiser*	LB	JR*	6-0	215	Hightstown, NJ/Hightstown
53	Alex Karabin	OL	SO*	6-1	290	Ruffs Dale, PA/Greensburg Central Catholic/Air Force Prep (CO)
81	Derek Kinder***	WR	SR*	6-1	210	Albion, NY/Albion
47	Frank Kochin**	OL	SR*	6-4	275	Pittsburgh, PA/Keystone Oaks
37	Conor Lee**	PK	SR*	5-11	200	Upper St. Clair, PA/Upper St. Clair/Fork Union Milit. Acad. (VA)
35	Brandon Lindsey	LB	FR*	6-2	230	Aliquippa, PA/Aliquippa
74	John Malecki**	OL	JR	6-3	280	Murrysville, PA/Franklin Regional
69	Jared Martin	OL	SO*	6-2	285	Davie, FL/Western
67	Dan Matha	OL	FR*	6-6	285	Erie, PA/Erie McDowell
25	LeSean McCoy*	RB	SO	5-11	210	Harrisburg, PA/Bishop McDevitt/Milford Acad. (NY)
1	Cedric McGee**	WR	JR*	6-1	205	Fort Lauderdale, FL/Plantation
40	Scott McKillop***	LB	SR*	6-2	240	Export, PA/Kiski Area
15	Shane Murray**	LB	JR*	6-1	220	Pittsburgh, PA/Pittsburgh Central Catholic
93	Gus Mustakas**	DL	JR*	6-3	280	Cooper City, FL/Chaminade-Madonna Prep
52	Lucas Nix	OL	FR	6-6	300	Jefferson Hills, PA/Thomas Jefferson
44	Nate Nix*	LB	SO*	6-3	235	Jefferson Hills, PA/Thomas Jefferson
78 (D)	Josh Novotny	OL	JR*	6-3	275	Carmichaels, PA/Carmichaels
14 (D)	Marco Pecora	DB	FR	5-10	180	Johnstown, PA/Richland
83	John Pelusi**	TE	JR*	6-3	260	Pittsburgh, PA/Pittsburgh Central Catholic
77	Jason Pinkston*	OL	SO*	6-4	300	Pittsburgh, PA/Baldwin
9	T.J. Porter**	WR	JR	6-1	195	Pahokee, FL/Pahokee
86	Austin Ransom**	LB	SR*	5-11	215	Williamsville, NY/Williamsville East
22	Antwuan Reed	DB	FR	5-10	180	Johnstown, PA/Greater Johnstown
32	Tristan Roberts	LB	FR*	6-0	230	Perkasie, PA/Pennridge
91	Greg Romeus*	DL	SO*	6-5	265	Coral Springs, FL/Coral Glades
5 (D)	Cameron Saddler	WR	FR	5-7	170	Monroeville, PA/Gateway
87	Mike Shanahan	WR	FR	6-5	220	North Huntingdon, PA/Norwin
97	Jabaal Sheard*	DL	SO	6-4	250	Hollywood Hills, FL/Hollywood Hills
9 (D)	Scott Shrake	DB	SR	6-2	200	Ingleside, IL/Grant Community
3	Aaron Smith	WR	FR*	6-0	180	Monroeville, PA/Gateway
12	Kevan Smith*	QB	SO*	6-3	225	Cranberry Township, PA/Seneca Valley
34	LaRod Stephens-Howling***	RB	SR	5-7	180	Johnstown, PA/Greater Johnstown
11	Bill Stull*	QB	JR*	6-3	215	Pittsburgh, PA/Seton-LaSalle
16 (D)	Tino Sunseri	QB	FR	6-2	200	Pittsburgh, PA/Pittsburgh Central Catholic
41	Andrew Taglianetti	DB	FR	5-11	175	Bridgeville, PA/Pittsburgh Central Catholic
43 (D)	Jonathan Taglianetti	LB	FR	6-0	205	Bridgeville, PA/South Fayette
28	Eric Thatcher***	DB	SR*	5-9	195	Cincinnati, OH/Cincinnati Moeller
56	Joe Thomas**	OL	JR	6-5	300	Cleveland, OH/St. Edward
45	Tyler Tkach*	DL	SO*	6-3	265	Slatington, PA/Northern Lehigh
36	Mike Toerper**	DB	JR*	6-1	190	York, PA/Central York
53 (D)	Joe Trebitz	LB	FR	6-3	200	Boca Raton, FL/West Boca Raton
90	Tony Tucker	DL	FR*	6-2	235	Bowie, MD/St. John's College (Washington D.C.)
88	Oderick Turner**	WR	JR*	6-3	205	Teaneck, NJ/Teaneck
75	Ryan Turnley	OL	FR	6-6	300	Hopewell, PA/Hopewell
92	Justin Virbitsky	TE	FR	6-4	240	Jermyn, PA/Lakeland
70	Dominic Williams***	OL	SR*	6-4	305	Colorado Springs, CO/Harrison/Air Force Prep (CO)
38	Greg Williams	LB	FR*	6-3	225	Naples, FL/Barron Collier
36 (D)	Manny Williams	LB	FR	6-1	205	Clairton, PA/Clairton
95	Mick Williams*	DL	JR*	6-1	285	Monessen, PA/Monessen
35 (D)	Caleb Wilson	WR	FR	5-10	180	Old Forge, PA/Lowellville
10	Aundre Wright	WR	FR*	5-11	180	Pittsburgh, PA/Perry Traditional Academy/Milford Acad. (NY)

* following class denotes redshirt season
* following name denotes letters earned
(D) denotes duplicate number

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Pitt Numerical Roster

1	Cedric McGee**	WR	JR*	6-1	205	Fort Lauderdale, FL/Plantation
2	Dorin Dickerson**	TE	JR	6-2	230	Imperial, PA/West Allegheny
3	Aaron Smith	WR	FR*	6-0	180	Monroeville, PA/Gateway
4	Elijah Fields*	DB	SO*	6-2	220	Duquesne, PA/Duquesne
4 (D)	Andrew Janocko	QB	FR*	6-1	200	Clearfield, PA/Clearfield Area
5	Dan Cafaro	DB	JR*	5-10	170	Upper St. Clair, PA/Upper St. Clair
5 (D)	Cameron Saddler	WR	FR	5-7	170	Monroeville, PA/Gateway
6	Steve Dell**	LB	JR*	6-1	235	Fort Lauderdale, FL/Santaluces Community
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7	Jovani Chappel**	DB	JR	5-9	180	Dayton, OH/Trotwood-Madison
8	Adam Gunn***	LB	SR*	6-2	230	Vandergrift, PA/Kiski Area
9	T.J. Porter**	WR	JR	6-1	195	Pahokee, FL/Pahokee
9 (D)	Scott Shrake	DB	SR	6-2	200	Ingleside, IL/Grant Community
10	Aundre Wright	WR	FR*	5-11	180	Pittsburgh, PA/Perry Traditional Academy/Milford Acad. (NY)
10 (D)	Justin Edwards	DB	FR	6-1	195	Harrison City, PA/Penn-Trafford
11	Bill Stull*	QB	JR*	6-3	215	Pittsburgh, PA/Seton-LaSalle
12	Kevan Smith*	QB	SO*	6-3	225	Cranberry Township, PA/Seneca Valley
14	Greg Cross	QB	JR	6-2	210	Brunswick, GA/Glynn Academy/Fort Scott C.C. (KS)
14 (D)	Marco Pecora	DB	FR	5-10	180	Johnstown, PA/Richland
15	Shane Murray**	LB	JR*	6-1	220	Pittsburgh, PA/Pittsburgh Central Catholic
16	Brian Kaiser*	LB	JR*	6-0	215	Hightstown, NJ/Hightstown
16 (D)	Tino Sunseri	QB	FR	6-2	200	Pittsburgh, PA/Pittsburgh Central Catholic
17	Aaron Berry**	DB	JR	5-11	175	Harrisburg, PA/Bishop McDevitt
18	Dave Brytus*	P	SR*	6-4	230	McDonald, PA/West Allegheny
19	Pat Bostick*	QB	SO	6-3	220	Lancaster, PA/Manheim Township
20	Irvan Brown**	DB	JR*	6-0	205	Brewerton, NY/Paul V. Moore
21	Buddy Jackson	DB	FR*	6-0	175	Plantation, FL/Cypress Bay
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26 (D)	Aaron Hassett	P	FR	5-11	180	Moon Township, PA/Moon Area
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35 (D)	Caleb Wilson	WR	FR	5-10	180	Old Forge, PA/Lowellville
36	Mike Toerper**	DB	JR*	6-1	190	York, PA/Central York
36 (D)	Manny Williams	LB	FR	6-1	205	Clairton, PA/Clairton
37	Conor Lee**	PK	SR*	5-11	200	Upper St. Clair, PA/Upper St. Clair/Fork Union Milit. Acad. (VA)
38	Greg Williams	LB	FR*	6-3	225	Naples, FL/Barron Collier
38 (D)	Pat Costello	PK/P	FR	5-11	175	Greensburg, PA/Hempfield Area
39	Jarred Holley	DB	FR	5-10	170	Easton, PA/Easton Area
40	Scott McKillop***	LB	SR*	6-2	240	Export, PA/Kiski Area
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43	Shariff Harris	RB	FR*	6-1	215	Newark, NJ/St. Peter's Prep School
43 (D)	Jonathan Taglianetti	LB	FR	6-0	205	Bridgeville, PA/South Fayette
44	Nate Nix*	LB	SO*	6-3	235	Jefferson Hills, PA/Thomas Jefferson
45	Tyler Tkach*	DL	SO*	6-3	265	Slatington, PA/Northern Lehigh
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47	Frank Kochin**	OL	SR*	6-4	275	Pittsburgh, PA/Keystone Oaks
47 (D)	Kevin Harper	PK	FR	5-10	170	Mentor, OH/Mentor
48	Doug Fulmer*	DL	JR*	6-4	255	Syracuse, NY/Henninger
49	Max Gruder	LB	FR*	6-2	235	Charlotte, NC/Charlotte Country Day School
50	Rashaad Duncan***	DL	SR	6-2	295	Belle Glade, FL/Glades Central
51	Tommie Duhart*	DL	JR	6-4	290	Belle Glade, FL/Glades Central/Coffeyville C.C. (KS)
52	Lucas Nix	OL	FR	6-6	300	Jefferson Hills, PA/Thomas Jefferson
53	Alex Karabin	OL	SO*	6-1	290	Ruffs Dale, PA/Greensburg Central Catholic/Air Force Prep (CO)
53 (D)	Joe Trebitz	LB	FR	6-3	200	Boca Raton, FL/West Boca Raton
54	Chris Jacobson	OL	FR*	6-3	290	Pittsburgh, PA/Keystone Oaks
55	C.J. Davis***	OL	SR	6-3	310	Imperial, PA/West Allegheny
56	Joe Thomas**	OL	JR	6-5	300	Cleveland, OH/St. Edward
57	Craig Bokor*	DL	JR*	6-3	290	Aliquippa, PA/Hopewell/Valley Forge Milit. Acad. (PA)
59	Mark Estermyer***	LS	SR*	6-2	245	Chippewa, PA/Blackhawk
60	Greg Gaskins	OL	FR*	6-4	295	York, PA/William Penn
62	John Bachman**	OL	JR*	6-4	280	Moon Township, PA/Moon Area
63	Wayne Jones	OL	FR*	6-2	315	Johnstown, PA/Bishop McCort
64	Robb Houser	OL	JR	6-2	285	Chico, CA/Durham/Butte College (CA)
66	Scott Corson	DL	SO*	6-5	280	Johnstown, PA/Greater Johnstown
67	Dan Matha	OL	FR*	6-6	285	Erie, PA/Erie McDowell
68	Jordan Gibbs	OL	FR*	6-7	290	Lancaster, PA/Penn Manor
69	Jared Martin	OL	SO*	6-2	285	Davie, FL/Western
70	Dominic Williams***	OL	SR*	6-4	305	Colorado Springs, CO/Harrison/Air Force Prep (CO)
71	John Fieger	OL	FR*	6-5	295	Red Hill, PA/Upper Perkiomen
72	Chase Clowser***	OL	SR*	6-7	330	LaGrange, OH/LaGrange-Keystone
74	John Malecki**	OL	JR	6-3	280	Murrysville, PA/Franklin Regional
75	Ryan Turnley	OL	FR	6-6	300	Hopewell, PA/Hopewell
77	Jason Pinkston*	OL	SO*	6-4	300	Pittsburgh, PA/Baldwin
78	Derrell Jones	DL	JR*	6-2	320	Accokeek, Md./Westlake
78 (D)	Josh Novotny	OL	JR*	6-3	275	Carmichaels, PA/Carmichaels
80	Nate Byham**	TE	JR	6-3	255	Franklin, PA/Franklin
81	Derek Kinder***	WR	SR*	6-1	210	Albion, NY/Albion
82	Jonathan Baldwin	WR	FR	6-5	220	Aliquippa, PA/Aliquippa
83	John Pelusi**	TE	JR*	6-3	260	Pittsburgh, PA/Pittsburgh Central Catholic
85	Mike Cruz	TE	FR	6-5	270	Johnstown, PA/Bishop McCort
86	Austin Ransom**	LB	SR*	5-11	215	Williamsville, NY/Williamsville East
87	Mike Shanahan	WR	FR	6-5	220	North Huntingdon, PA/Norwin
88	Oderick Turner**	WR	JR*	6-3	205	Teaneck, NJ/Teaneck
90	Tony Tucker	DL	FR*	6-2	235	Bowie, MD/St. John's College (Washington D.C.)
91	Greg Romeus*	DL	SO*	6-5	265	Coral Springs, FL/Coral Glades
92	Justin Virbitsky	TE	FR	6-4	240	Jermyn, PA/Lakeland
92 (D)	Keith Coleman	DL	FR	6-4	300	Bronx, NY/HS for Math, Science and Engineering at CCNY
93	Gus Mustakas**	DL	JR*	6-3	280	Cooper City, FL/Chaminade-Madonna Prep
94	Myles Caragein	DL	FR*	6-2	275	Pittsburgh, PA/Keystone Oaks
95	Mick Williams*	DL	JR*	6-1	285	Monessen, PA/Monessen
96	Justin Hargrove	DL	FR*	6-3	250	Pittsburgh, PA/Baldwin
97	Jabaal Sheard*	DL	SO	6-4	250	Hollywood Hills, FL/Hollywood Hills
98	Chas Alecxih	DL	FR*	6-5	275	Lancaster, PA/Penn Manor

* following class denotes redshirt season
* following name denotes letters earned
(D) denotes duplicate number

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Game Information

#18/21 Pitt (9-3, 5-2 BIG EAST) vs. #24/25 Oregon State (8-4, 7-2 Pac-10)

Dec. 31, 2008 • 2:15 p.m. EST (12:15 p.m. MST) • Sun Bowl Stadium (50,426) • El Paso, Texas

Broadcast Information

TV: The 75th Annual Brut Sun Bowl will be a national CBS telecast. Verne Lundquist (play-by-play), Gary Danielson (color) and Tracy Wolfson (sideline) form the broadcast crew. The game will be shown on KDKA-TV in Pittsburgh.

PITT RADIO: 3WS 94.5 (WWSW-FM), Fox Sports Radio 970 (WBGG-AM) and the Pitt ISP Sports Network. Bill Hillgrove calls the action, while three-time Pitt All-American Bill Fralic and former Panther head coach Serafino "Foge" Fazio provide color analysis.

NATIONAL RADIO: The Sports USA Radio Network. Josh Lewin (play-by-play), Pat Sperduto (color) and Rich Cellini (sideline) form the broadcast crew.

PITT WEB COVERAGE: "Panthers All-Access" at PittsburghPanthers.com.

Game Story

• Pitt will make its 25th all-time bowl appearance when it meets Oregon State in the Brut Sun Bowl. The Panthers played in El Paso twice before, claiming victories in the 1989 (31-28 over Texas A&M) and 1975 (33-19 over Kansas) Sun Bowls.

• Pitt has played Oregon State once before, a 38-13 victory in the 2002 Insight Bowl. The Panthers are 23-22 all-time vs. members of the Pac-10 Conference.

• Pitt's trip to the Brut Sun Bowl marks a return for Dave Wannstedt to the state of Texas, where he lived during his tenure as defensive coordinator of the Dallas Cowboys from 1989-92.

• Pitt's 9-3 record is its winningest since 2002, when the Panthers went 9-4 overall. Pitt has achieved nine regular-season wins for the first time since 1982.

Pitt-Oregon State In Brief

Series Began: 2002
Overall: Pitt leads 1-0
At Pittsburgh: DNA
At Oregon State: DNA
At Neutral Sites: Pitt leads 1-0
Last Meeting: Dec. 26, 2002: Pitt 38, Oregon State 13 (Insight Bowl)
Dave Wannstedt vs. Oregon State: 0-0
Mike Riley vs. Pitt: 0-0

Pitt Head Coach Dave Wannstedt
Overall (season): 25-22 (fourth)
At Pitt (season): 25-22 (fourth)
Alma Mater (year): Pittsburgh (B.S. 1974, M.Ed. 1976)

Oregon State Head Coach Mike Riley
Overall (season): 55-42 (eighth)
At Oregon State (season): 55-42 (eighth)
Alma Mater (year): Alabama (1974)

Schedules and Results

Pitt (9-3)

Aug. 30	**BOWLING GREEN (ESPNU)**	**L, 17-27**
Sept. 6	**BUFFALO**	**W, 27-16**
Sept. 20	**IOWA (ESPN2)**	**W, 21-20**
Sept. 27	at Syracuse* (ESPN Reg.)	W, 34-24
Oct. 2 (Thurs.)	at USF* (ESPN)	W, 26-21
Oct. 18	at Navy (CBS CSN)	W, 42-21
Oct. 25	**RUTGERS* (ESPN360)**	**L, 34-54**
Nov. 1	at Notre Dame (NBC)	W, 36-33 (4OT)
Nov. 8	**LOUISVILLE* (ESPN REG.)**	**W, 41-7**
Nov. 22	at Cincinnati* (ESPN2)	L, 21-28
Nov. 28 (Fri.)	**WEST VIRGINIA* (ABC)**	**W, 19-15**
Dec. 6	at Connecticut* (ESPN)	W, 34-10
Dec. 31	vs. Oregon State# (CBS)	2 p.m. (EST)

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Oregon State (8-4)

Aug. 28	at Stanford*	L, 28-36
Sept. 6	at Penn State	L, 14-45
Sept. 13	**HAWAII**	**W, 45-7**
Sept. 25	**USC***	**W, 27-21**
Oct. 2	at Utah	L, 28-31
Oct. 11	**WASHINGTON STATE***	**W, 66-13**
Oct. 18	at Washington*	W, 34-13
Nov. 1	**ARIZONA STATE***	**W, 27-25**
Nov. 8	at UCLA*	W, 34-6
Nov. 15	**CALIFORNIA***	**W, 34-21**
Nov. 22	at Arizona*	W, 19-17
Nov. 29	**OREGON***	**L, 38-65**
Dec. 31	vs. Pittsburgh#	2 p.m. (EST)

** Pac-10 game*
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Game Notes

Series Notes

The series history between Pitt and Oregon State is just one game, the 2002 Insight Bowl played in Phoenix's Bank One Ballpark...the Panthers triumphed in that game, 38-13, to complete a 9-4 season, their most successful campaign since the 1982 team went 9-3...the '02 Insight Bowl is also Pitt's last game against a Pac-10 member... the Panthers are 23-22 all-time against members of the conference, including a 3-4 mark in bowl games.

Pitt vs. OSU: Game-by-Game

PITT LEADS, 1-0

Date	Pitt	OSU
Dec. 26, 2002*	38	13

* Insight Bowl

Pitt vs. the Pac-10

Pitt is 23-22 all-time vs. the Pac-10, including 1-0 vs. Oregon State. The following breaks down the Panthers against each member of the conference.

Team	W-L	Last Meeting
Arizona	1-0	1979
Arizona State	0-1	1973
California	3-2	1966
Oregon	2-2	1965
Oregon State	**1-0**	**2002**
Southern California	4-6	1974
Stanford	2-1	1932
UCLA	5-9	1972
Washington	4-1	1979
Washington State	1-0	1995

Charting the Panthers

Looking for No. 10: Pitt completed the regular season with a 9-3 mark, its winningest regular season since 1982. It is the Panthers' first nine-win campaign overall since the 2002 team went 9-4 with a victory over Oregon State (38-13) in the Insight Bowl. Pitt last achieved a double-digit season win total in 1981, when the Panthers went 11-1 and featured All-America quarterback Dan Marino.

Pitt Seasons with at Least Eight Wins Since 2000

Year	Record	Bowl Result
2002	9-4	W, 38-13, Oregon State (Insight)
2003	8-5	L, 23-16, Virginia (Continental Tire)
2004	8-4	L, 35-7, Utah (Fiesta)
2008	9-3	?

Bowl History: The Panthers have played in 24 bowl games in their history, compiling a 10-14 record. The following is a listing of Pitt's all-time bowl games:

Season	Bowl	Opponent	Result
1927*	Rose	Stanford	L, 7-6
1929*	Rose	Southern Cal	L, 47-14
1932*	Rose	Southern Cal	L, 35-0
1936*	Rose	Washington	W, 21-0
1955*	Sugar	Georgia Tech	L, 7-0
1956	Gator	Georgia Tech	L, 21-14
1973	Fiesta	Arizona State	L, 28-7
1975	Sun	Kansas	W, 33-19
1976*	Sugar	Georgia	W, 27-3
1977	Gator	Clemson	W, 34-3
1978	Tangerine	NC State	L, 30-17
1979	Fiesta	Arizona	W, 16-10
1980	Gator	South Carolina	W, 37-9
1981*	Sugar	Georgia	W, 24-20
1982*	Cotton	Southern Methodist	L, 7-3
1983*	Fiesta	Ohio State	L, 28-23
1987	Bluebonnet	Texas	L, 32-27
1989	John Hancock	Texas A&M	W, 31-28
1997	Liberty	Southern Mississippi	L, 41-7
2000	Insight.com	Iowa State	L, 37-29
2001	Tangerine	NC State	W, 34-19
2002	Insight	Oregon State	W, 38-13
2003	Continental Tire	Virginia	L, 23-16
2004*	Tostitos Fiesta	Utah	L, 35-7

**Game played on New Year's Day, or Jan. 2 of the following calendar year.*

Legends of the Sun Bowl: Pitt boasts three former greats who have been named "Legends of the Sun Bowl," including Coach John Majors, tailback Tony Dorsett and quarterback Alex Van Pelt. Majors coached Pitt to the 1975 Sun Bowl title, defeating Kansas, 33-19. Dorsett rushed for 142 yards and two touchdowns in the '75 game. In 1989, Van Pelt led the Panthers to a come-from-behind 31-28 victory over Texas A&M with 354 yards passing and was named the game's MVP. Additionally, Dorsett, Van Pelt and offensive lineman Tom Brzoza (1975 game) were named to the Sun Bowl's 75th Anniversary Team.

Brytus Back in El Paso: Pitt senior punter Dave Brytus has played in the Sun Bowl before, albeit with a different team. Before transferring to Pitt in 2006, Brytus was a two-year starting punter for Purdue. As a freshman in 2004, he averaged 48.9 yards on eight punts in the Sun Bowl against Arizona State and received the John Folmer Most Valuable Special Teams Player award. Arizona State won the game, 27-23.

2008 Opponent Success: Pitt's 2008 schedule included nine teams that received bowl invitations, including Buffalo (International Bowl), Iowa (Outback), USF (St. Petersburg), Navy (EagleBank), Rutgers (PapaJohns.com), Notre Dame (Hawaii), Cincinnati (Orange), West Virginia (Meineke) and Connecticut (International). Additionally, 10 of Pitt's opponents finished the year with non-losing records.

2008 Captains: Pitt selected its team captains by a player vote during the Nov. 10 open week. The Panthers' 2008 captains are senior offensive lineman C.J. Davis (offense), senior tailback LaRod Stephens-Howling (offense), senior linebacker Scott McKillop (defense), senior defensive lineman Rashaad Duncan (defense) and senior placekicker Conor Lee (special teams).

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Game Notes

Cardiac Kids: Pitt has won five games this season with fourth-quarter comebacks, the latest coming on Nov. 28, a 19-15 decision over rival West Virginia at Heinz Field.

Pitt trailed the Mountaineers, 15-7, in the final quarter, but the Panthers scored two touchdowns in the final eight minutes (both on LeSean McCoy scoring runs) to claim the victory.

Pitt also used fourth-quarter comebacks against Iowa (21-20, Sept. 20), at Syracuse (34-24, Sept. 27), at USF (26-21, Oct. 2) and at Notre Dame (36-33 in four OTs, Nov. 1).

Pitt's 2008 Fourth-Quarter Comebacks

Date	Opp.	4th Qtr. Deficit	Result
9-20-08	Iowa	17-14	Pitt wins, 21-20
9-27-08	@Syracuse	24-16	Pitt wins, 34-24
10-2-08	@USF	21-20	Pitt wins, 26-21
11-1-08	@Notre Dame	17-10/24-17	Pitt wins, 36-33 (4OT)
11-28-08	West Virginia	15-7	Pitt wins, 19-15

Spinning the Turnstiles: Pitt's average attendance for its six home games this year was 49,352, its highest average since the 2003 season when the Panthers drew an all-time record average of 59,197.

Panther Block Party: Pitt has blocked a school-record and national-best 10 kicks in 12 games this year. The Panthers have blocked three extra points (all by Greg Romeus: one vs. Bowling Green and two vs. Rutgers), three field goals (Tommie Duhart vs. Buffalo; Aaron Berry vs. USF; Greg Williams vs. Cincinnati) and four punts (three by Andrew Taglianetti: vs. Iowa, Notre Dame and Cincinnati; and one by Mike Toerper vs. Connecticut). The 10 blocks eclipsed the former record of eight set in 1987. Pitt leads the country in blocks, while Kansas is second with nine.

Pitt's 2008 Blocked Kicks

Opponent	Blocks
Bowling Green	Greg Romeus (PAT)
Buffalo	Tommie Duhart (field goal)
Iowa	Andrew Taglianetti (punt)
@Syracuse	none
@USF	Aaron Berry (field goal)
@Navy	none
Rutgers	Greg Romeus (2 PATs)
@Notre Dame	Andrew Taglianetti (punt)
Louisville	none
@Cincinnati	Greg Williams (field goal)
	Andrew Taglianetti (punt)
West Virginia	none
@Connecticut	Mike Toerper (punt)

Remarkable in the Red Zone: Pitt has scored on 41 of its 45 trips into the red zone this year (91.1%) to rank ninth nationally (tied) and second in the Big East in red zone efficiency. Pitt has scored a touchdown on 27 of its 45 red zone trips (60%) this season.

Good Behavior: Pitt is one of the country's most disciplined teams in terms of penalties this year. The Panthers rank seventh nationally in fewest penalty yards per game (35.42 avg.) and 13th (tied) in fewest penalties per game (tied, 4.58 avg.). Pitt has limited its penalties to 55 total for 425 yards this season.

Ball Hogs: Pitt ranks 20th nationally in time of possession average (31:33 min./game). The Panthers have won the possession battle in eight of their 12 games this season. The four exceptions were the Buffalo, Iowa, Cincinnati and Connecticut contests.

Pitt vs. Oregon State Team Comparison

	PITT	OSU
Points Per Game	29.3	32.8
Opp. Points Per Game	23.0	25.0
Net Rushing Yardage	1,719	1,975
Avg. Per Rush	3.8	4.3
Avg. Per Game	143.2	164.6
Passing Yardage	2,555	3,044
Att-Comp-Int	353-204-13	405-249-13
Avg. Per Game	212.9	253.7
TDs Passing	10	25
Total Offense Per Game	356.2	418.2
Kick Return Avg.	20.4	23.4
Punt Return Avg.	8.0	10.4
Int. Return Avg.	10.6	15.5
Fumbles-Lost	21-12	17-5
Time of Possession Avg.	31:32	32:11
3rd Down Conversions	61/166 (37%)	69/166 (42%)
4th Down Conversions	13/18 (72%)	9/15 (60%)
Touchdowns Scored	42	50
FGs-Attempted	20/23 (87%)	16/24 (66%)

Big East Standings

	BIG EAST		OVERALL	
Team	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
Cincinnati	6-1	.857	11-2	.846
Pittsburgh	5-2	.714	9-3	.750
West Virginia	5-2	.714	8-4	.667
Rutgers	5-2	.714	7-5	.583
Connecticut	3-4	.429	7-5	.583
USF	2-5	.286	7-5	.583
Louisville	1-6	.143	5-7	.417
Syracuse	1-6	.143	3-9	.250

2008 Opponents at a Glance

Team	W-L	Bowl (Opponent)
Bowling Green	6-6	Season Complete
Buffalo	8-5	International (Connecticut)
Iowa	8-4	Outback (South Carolina)
Syracuse	3-9	Season Complete
USF	7-5	St. Petersburg (Memphis)
Navy	8-4	EagleBank (Wake Forest)
Rutgers	7-5	Papa Johns (NC State)
Notre Dame	6-6	Hawaii (Hawaii)
Louisville	5-7	Season Complete
Cincinnati	11-2	Orange (Virginia Tech)
West Virginia	8-4	Meineke (North Carolina)
Connecticut	7-5	International (Buffalo)

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Game Notes

Game-by-Game Time of Possession

Game	Pitt/Opponent TOP
Bowling Green	33:08/26:52
Buffalo	29:23/30:37
Iowa	25:12/34:48
@Syracuse	38:20/21:40
@USF	36:54/23:06
@Navy	33:00/27:00
Rutgers	32:47/27:13
@Notre Dame	31:16/28:44
Louisville	33:56/26:04
@Cincinnati	25:13/34:47
West Virginia	31:49/28:11
@Connecticut	27:32/32:28

Fine on Fourth Down: Pitt has converted a Big East-leading 72.2% of its fourth-down attempts this season (13 of 18). That success rate ranks sixth nationally. The Panthers were a season-best 3 of 3 on fourth downs against Iowa and at Notre Dame. All six conversions against Iowa and Notre Dame led to Pitt scoring a touchdown.

No Goose Eggs: Pitt has now scored in 149 consecutive games, the longest active streak among Big East members. The last time Pitt was shut out was a 45-0 loss at Miami on Sept. 28, 1996.

On the Road: Pitt is 6-1 in its last seven away games, the Panthers' best road stretch in six years. Pitt had won five in a row dating back to the 2007 regular-season finale at West Virginia until recently losing at Cincinnati, 28-21, on Nov. 22.

The five consecutive road wins marked Pitt's best stretch since winning six consecutive during the 2001-02 seasons. (Pitt won its final four on the road in 2001, including a 34-19 win over N.C. State in the Tangerine Bowl, and opening two away contests of the '02 campaign.)

Pitt's Last Seven Road Games

Date	Opponent	Result
12-1-07	@West Virginia (#2/1)	W, 13-9
9-27-08	@Syracuse	W, 34-24
10-2-08	@USF (#10/10)	W, 26-21
10-18-08	@Navy	W, 42-21
11-1-08	@Notre Dame	W, 36-33 (4OT)
11-22-08	@Cincinnati (#19/20)	L, 21-28
12-6-08	@Connecticut	W, 34-10

Climbing the All-Time Tackle List: One of the country's finest and most productive defenders, senior middle linebacker Scott McKillop is climbing Pitt's career tackles list.

Only in his second year as a starter, McKillop ranks 11th with 333 career stops.

Pitt's Career Tackles List

	Player	Years	Solos	Assists	Total
1.	Arnie Weatherington	1973-76	276	201	477
2.	Hugh Green	1977-80	273	168	441
3.	H.B. Blades	2003-06	252	181	433
4.	Tom Tumulty	1991-95	249	164	413
5.	Gerald Hayes	1999-2002	253	149	402
6.	Steve Apke	1983-86	180	188	368
7.	Jerry Olsavsky	1985-88	228	139	367
8.	Tez Morris	2002-05	211	155	366
9.	Troy Benson	1981-84	146	205	351
10.	Lewis Moore	2000-03	228	116	344
11.	**Scott McKillop**	**2005-**	**207**	**126**	**333**
12.	Ramon Walker	1999-2001	206	122	328

Pitt-Oregon State Flashback
2002 Insight Bowl

Scoring Summary

PITT	7	3	14	14	38
OREGON STATE	7	3	3	0	13

First Quarter

PITT — Fitzgerald 40-yard pass from Rutherford (Abdul kick) 11:50
OSU — Newson 65-yard pass from Anderson (Yliniemi kick) 9:54

Second Quarter

OSU — Yliniemi 50-yard field goal 7:56
PITT — Abdul 45-yard field goal 0:00

Third Quarter

PITT — Rutherford 1-yard run (Abdul kick) 12:08
PITT — Robinson 66-yard punt return (Abdul kick) 3:26
OSU — Yliniemi 31-yard field goal 0:36

Fourth Quarter

PITT — Miree 7-yard run (Abdul kick) 5:38
PITT — Palko 8-yard run (Abdul kick) 3:02

Game Statistics

Team Stats	PITT	OSU
First Downs	21	20
Rushes-Yards	41-117	32-8
Att-Comp-Int	26-13-0	45-21-1
Passing Yards	183	319
Total Yards	300	327
Punt Returns-Yards	4-83	4-26
Kick Returns-Yards	4-61	6-152
Interceptions-Yards	1-37	0-0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Punts-Average	7-41.0	6-40.2
Penalties-Yards	7-55	9-90
Third Down Conv.	5-13	8-18
Fourth Down Conv.	0-0	0-2
Sacks By-Yards	3-19	5-38
Possession Time	30:20	29:40

Individual Statistics

Rushing
PITT — Miree 20-113, 1 TD; Polite 3-11; Palko 1-8, 1 TD; Walker 2-2; Team 2-(1); Murphy 1-(2); Rutherford 12-(14)
OSU — Jackson 19-34; Wright 7-22; Anderson 6-(48)

Passing
PITT — Rutherford 26-13-0, 183 yards, 1 TD
OSU — Anderson 45-21-1, 319 yards, 1 TD

Receiving
PITT — Fitzgerald 5-88, 1 TD; Slade 3-36; Miree 2-35; Furman 2-17; Wilson 1-7
OSU — Newson 10-165, 1 TD; Euhs 3-72; Clasen 2-29; Kintner 2-25; Jackson 2-14; Farley 2-14

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Game Notes

A Tackling Machine: Since becoming Pitt's starting middle linebacker at the beginning of the 2007 season, Scott McKillop has gone on to establish a national reputation as a "tackling machine." Indeed, he has compiled 14 double-figure tackle games during his career.

Scott McKillop's Career Double-Figure Tackle Games

Game	Date	Solos	Assists	Total
@West Virginia	11-24-05	4	9	13
@Michigan St.	9-15-07	7	10	17
@Virginia	9-29-07	9	6	15
Navy	10-10-07	12	2	14
Cincinnati	10-20-07	9	7	16
Syracuse	11-3-07	7	5	12
@Rutgers	11-17-07	10	6	16
USF	11-24-07	14	4	18*
Buffalo	9-6-08	9	6	15
Iowa	9-20-08	6	4	10
@USF	10-2-08	12	0	12
@Notre Dame	11-1-08	8	7	15
@Cincinnati	11-22-08	11	6	17
@Connecticut	12-6-08	2	11	13

**career high*

Pitt's NCAA Statistical Champions: In 2007 Scott McKillop became the fifth Pitt player since 1976 to lead the nation in a statistical category. McKillop averaged 12.6 tackles per game to rank first among all FBS (Division I-A) defenders.

McKillop is eyeing another NCAA top finish in 2008 as he is currently second in the nation in solo tackles (6.50 avg.).

Pitt's NCAA Statistical Champions Since 1976

Year	Name	Category	Avg.
2007	Scott McKillop	Tackles	12.6 avg.
2006	Clint Session	Fumbles Forced	0.42 avg. (tied)
2003	Larry Fitzgerald	Receiving Yards	128.6 avg.
2000	Antonio Bryant	Receiving Yards	130.2 avg.
1976	Tony Dorsett	Rushing Yards	177.1 avg.
		All-Purpose Yards	183.7 avg.
		Scoring	12.2 avg.

NCAA Elite: Pitt running back LeSean McCoy is the nation's 10th-leading rusher with an average of 116.92 yards per game. Among all active players, however, McCoy's career per game rushing average of 113.79 ranks first.

NCAA Active Career Leaders: Rushing Yards/Game

No.	Name (School)	Rush Yards/Game (Games)
1.	LeSean McCoy (Pitt)	113.79 (24)
2.	Damion Fletcher (S. Miss)	113.75 (37)
3.	Knowshon Moreno (Georgia)	106.9 (25)
4.	P.J. Hill (Wisconsin)	105.6 (36)
	MiQuale Lewis (Ball State)	105.6 (23)

LeSean's Super Scoring: LeSean McCoy is first in the nation in scoring (tied), averaging 10.50 points per game. He has 21 touchdowns (all rushing) for a total of 126 points.

Among all active players, McCoy's career scoring average of 9.0 points per game ranks second nationally (behind Texas Tech WR Michael Crabtree, 9.6 points/game).

A Nose for the End Zone: LeSean McCoy has 21 touchdowns this year, the second-highest individual total in the nation (tied). McCoy trails only Ball State running back MiQuale Lewis, who has 22 TDs but has played in one more game.

Recent Success vs. Ranked Foes

Pitt has won back-to-back games against Top-10 foes with each contest occurring on the road. Most recently the Panthers defeated No. 10 (AP and *USA Today*) USF, 26-21, at Tampa's Raymond James Stadium on Oct. 2. Previously, Pitt traveled to Morgantown and defeated heated rival West Virginia, 13-9, on Dec. 1, 2007. The Mountaineers were ranked No. 1 in the *USA Today* coaches poll and No. 2 by the AP. The WVU victory marked Pitt's first-ever against a team ranked No. 1 in one of the major polls.

Overall, the Panthers are 3-1 in their last four outings against Top 25 foes. In addition to USF and West Virginia, the Panthers defeated No. 23 Cincinnati (AP and *USA Today*) last season, 24-17, in Heinz Field on Oct. 20, 2007. Most recently, Pitt played at Cincinnati on Nov. 22 and fell to the No. 19/20 Bearcats, 28-21.

Pitt's Last Four Games vs. Top 25 Foes

Date	Opp. (AP/*USA Today* Rank)	Result
11-22-08	@Cincinnati (19/20)	L, 21-28
10-2-08	@USF (10/10)	W, 26-21
12-1-07	@West Virginia (2/1)	W, 13-9
10-20-07	Cincinnati (23/23)	W, 24-17

2008 NCAA Touchdown Leaders

Player	Games	TDs
RB MiQuale Lewis (Ball State)	13	22
RB LeSean McCoy (Pitt)	12	21
RB Javon Ringer (Michigan St.)	12	21
RB Chris Brown (Oklahoma)	13	21
WR Dez Bryant (Oklahoma St.)	12	20

Surpassing a Legend: LeSean McCoy already has 35 career rushing TDs, the most by a Pitt player over his freshman and sophomore seasons. The previous mark was held by the legendary Tony Dorsett, who had 24 during his first two years (1973-74).

Most Rushing TDs as a Freshman and Sophomore at Pitt

Player	Games	Rush TDs (Frosh/Soph)
LeSean McCoy (2007-08)	24	35 (14/21)
Tony Dorsett (1973-74)	22	24 (13/11)

Most Total TDs as a Frosh and Soph: LeSean McCoy has 36 total touchdowns for his brief career, eclipsing receiver Larry Fitzgerald's Pitt record for TDs scored as a freshman and sophomore (34, all on receptions, from 2002-03). Legendary tailback Tony Dorsett compiled 24 total touchdowns (all rushing) over his freshman and sophomore seasons (1973-74).

Most Total TDs as a Freshman and Sophomore at Pitt

Player	Rush/Rec. TDs	Total TDs
LeSean McCoy (2007-08, 24 games)	**35/1**	**36**
Larry Fitzgerald (2002-03, 26 games)	0/34	34
Tony Dorsett (1973-74, 22 games)	24/0	24

Eyeing Another Record: With 21 TDs this year, LeSean McCoy is closing in on two additional Pitt records — single-season rushing touchdowns and single-season total touchdowns. Both marks are held by Tony Dorsett and were established during Dorsett's Heisman Trophy season in 1976, when Pitt went 12-0 and won the national title. Dorsett had 22 rushing TDs and 23 overall scores in '76. The Hall-of-Famer led the country in scoring that year, averaging 12.2 points per game.

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Single-Season Touchdowns at Pitt

Player	Games	Rush/Rec. TDs	Total TDs
Tony Dorsett (1976)	12	22/1	23
Larry Fitzgerald (2003)	13	0/22	22
LeSean McCoy (2008)	**12**	**21/0**	**21**

Career TDs: LeSean McCoy recently moved into second all-time at Pitt in career touchdowns. He currently trails only Pitt legend Tony Dorsett who had 63 through four seasons.

Pitt's All-Time Career Touchdown Leaders

No.	Name (Years)	TDs
1.	Tony Dorsett (1973-76)	63
2.	**LeSean McCoy (2007-)**	**36**
3.	Larry Fitzgerald (2002-03)	34
4.	Elliott Walker (1974-77)	33
5.	Andy Hastings (1914-16, 1919)	30
	George McLaren (1915-18)	30
	Antonio Bryant (1999-2001)	30

McCoy on the Move: LeSean McCoy has reached the top five in all-time career scoring at Pitt in just his sophomore season.

Pitt's All-Time Career Scoring List

No.	Name (Years)	TDs	PATs	FGs	Points
1.	Tony Dorsett (1973-76)	63	1 (2 pt.)	0	380
2.	Carson Long (1973-76)	0	133	45	268
3.	**Conor Lee (2006-)**	**0**	**113**	**50**	**263**
4.	Andy Hastings (1914-16, '19)	30	36	13	255
5.	**LeSean McCoy (2007-)**	**36**	**0**	**0**	**216**
6.	Nick Lotz (1998-2001)	0	100	38	214
7.	Larry Fitzgerald (2002-03)	34	0	0	204
8.	Elliott Walker (1974-77)	33	1 (2 pt.)	0	200
9.	Mark Schubert (1977-79)	0	95	31	188
10.	George McLaren (1915-18)	30	3	0	183

Century Games: LeSean McCoy has 13 100-yard rushing performances in his brief career. He had seven century games last year, the second most by a freshman in Pitt history. (Tony Dorsett holds the Pitt freshman record for 100-yard performances with 10 during the 1973 season.) McCoy has compiled six 100-yard rushing games this year.

LeSean McCoy's Career 100-Yard Games

Date	Opponent	Att.	Yards	Rush TDs
9-08-07	Grambling	19	107	3
9-15-07	@Michigan State	25	172	1
10-10-07	Navy	32	165	3
10-20-07	Cincinnati	25	137	0
10-27-07	@Louisville	26	120	1
11-3-07	Syracuse	31	140	1
12-1-07	@West Virginia	38*	148	0
9-27-08	@Syracuse	28	149	0
10-2-08	@USF	28	142	2
10-18-08	@Navy	18	156	3
10-25-08	Rutgers	26	146	4*
11-1-08	@Notre Dame	32	169	1
11-28-08	West Virginia	33	183*	2

**career highs*

Isn't It Grand: With 1,403 rushing yards in 2008, LeSean McCoy has achieved his second consecutive 1,000-yard season. McCoy had 1,328 yards in 2007.

Only two other players have compiled multiple 1,000-yard rushing seasons in Pitt history — the legendary Tony Dorsett, who had four from 1973-76, and Curvin Richards, who had back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons in 1988-89.

Pitt Player Graduates

This year's Pitt football team has eight players on its roster who have already earned their bachelor's degrees from the University of Pittsburgh. They include:

Long snapper Mark Estermyer (information science)
Linebacker Adam Gunn (communication and rhetoric)
Receiver Derek Kinder (economics)
Placekicker Conor Lee (business and economics)
Linebacker Scott McKillop (business-marketing)
Linebacker Austin Ransom (communication and rhetoric)
Safety Eric Thatcher (administration of justice)
Offensive lineman Dominic Williams (history)

Of the Panthers' 14 scholarship seniors, eight have already graduated, while another, offensive lineman Chase Clowser, is expected to graduate following this term. The remaining five seniors are on track to graduate in the spring.

Pitt Players with Multiple 1,000-Yard Rushing Seasons

Player	Year	Att.	Yards	Avg.
Tony Dorsett	1973*	318	1,686	5.3
Tony Dorsett	1974	220	1,004	4.6
Tony Dorsett	1975*	255	1,686	6.6
Tony Dorsett	1976*	370	2,150	5.8
Curvin Richards	1988	207	1,228	5.9
Curvin Richards	1989*	232	1,282	5.5
LeSean McCoy	2007	276	1,328	4.8
LeSean McCoy	2008	284	1,403	4.9

** includes bowl statistics*

Eyeing the Career Leaders: LeSean McCoy has cracked the top 10 career rushers list at Pitt in just his sophomore season. McCoy has 1,403 yards this year and 1,328 as a freshman. His career total of 2,731 ranks sixth all-time at Pitt and is just 17 yards from the top five.

Pitt's Career Rushing Yards List

No.	Name	Seasons	Yards
1.	Tony Dorsett	1973-76	6,526
2.	Curvin Richards	1988-90	3,192
3.	Craig Heyward	1984, 1986-87	3,086
4.	Billy West	1993-97	2,803
5.	Elliott Walker	1974-77	2,748
6.	**LeSean McCoy**	**2007-**	**2,731**
7.	Curtis Martin	1991-94	2,643
8.	Kevan Barlow	1997-2000	2,438
9.	Bryan Thomas	1978, 1980-82	2,141
10.	Charles Gladman	1984-86	2,019

"Shady" vs. TD: LeSean McCoy recently surpassed Tony Dorsett's Pitt record for rushing yards as a freshman and sophomore.

LeSean McCoy's Frosh/Soph Rushing Totals

Year	Games	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TDs
2007	12	276	1,328	4.8	14
2008	12	284	1,403	4.9	21
Total	**24**	**560**	**2,731**	**4.9**	**35**

Tony Dorsett's Frosh/Soph Rushing Totals

Year	Games	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TDs
1973	12	318	1,686	5.3	13
1974	10	220	1,004	4.6	11
Total	**22**	**538**	**2,690**	**5.0**	**24**

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113 and Counting: Senior placekicker Conor Lee remains perfect on extra points for his career, converting a school-record 113 consecutive PATs. Lee is 38 for 38 through 12 games in 2008. He was 28 of 28 last year and 47 of 47 in 2006. Lee eclipsed a 32-year-old school record for consecutive PATs during his 6-of-6 performance against Navy on Oct. 10, 2007. The prior mark was held by Carson Long, who made 60 in a row over the 1974 and 1975 seasons.

Big East PATs: Conor Lee is approaching the Big East consecutive extra-points mark held by Louisville's Art Carmody, who made 116 in a row from 2005-07.

Big East Most Consecutive PATs

Player	No.	Years Streak Active
Art Carmody, Louisville	116	2005-07
Conor Lee, Pitt	**113**	**2006-present**
Pat McAfee, West Virginia	106	2005-07
Shayne Graham, Virginia Tech	102	1997-99

Conor's Career Field Goals: Conor Lee became Pitt's career field goals leader during his 5-for-5 performance at Notre Dame Nov. 1. Lee now has 50 career field goals, surpassing the previous Pitt mark of 45 set by Carson Long (1973-76).

Conor Lee Career Field Goals (2006-present)

Year	FG Att.	FG Made	Pct.
2006	14	12	85.7%
2007	22	18	81.8%
2008	23	20	86.9%
Total	**59**	**50**	**84.7%**

Carson Long Career Field Goals (1973-76)

Year	FG Att.	FG Made	Pct.
1973	14	8	57.1%
1974	14	6	42.9%
1975	22	13	59.1%
1976	26	18	69.2%
Total	**76**	**45**	**59.2%**

Lee Point Production: Conor Lee has 263 career points to rank third among the Panthers' all-time leading scorers. In Pitt's Nov. 1 game at Notre Dame, Lee scored a career-high 18 points by hitting all eight of his placements, including a 5-for-5 performance on field goals. Lee recently passed up Andy Hastings, who had 255 points from 1914-16, 1919.

Pitt's All-Time Career Scoring List

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Mr. (Nearly) Automatic: Conor Lee is about as close to perfection as a placekicker can get. Since taking over Pitt's starting kicking duties in 2006, Lee has missed only nine placements (all field goals) in his career. He is perfect on 113 extra-point attempts and 50 of 59 (84.7%) in field goals.

Lee's career field goal percentage of 84.7 leads the Big East and ranks sixth nationally among active placekickers.

Conor Lee's Placement Accuracy (2006-08)

Year	PAT-Made	FGA-Made	Pts.
2006	47-47 (100%)	14-12 (85.7%)	83
2007	28-28 (100%)	22-18 (81.8%)	82
2008	38-38 (100%)	23-20 (86.9%)	98
Total	**113-113 (100%)**	**59-50 (84.7%)**	**263**

Kinder Climbing the Charts: Senior receiver Derek Kinder ranks among the most prolific pass catchers in Pitt history. His 130 receptions rank seventh all-time and he has the top five in his sights. Kinder also recently broke into the top 10 in career receiving yards.

Derek Kinder on Pitt's All-Time Receptions List

No.	Name	Seasons	Receptions
1.	Latef Grim	1998-2000	178
2.	Antonio Bryant	1999-2001	173
3.	Larry Fitzgerald	2002-03	161
4.	Dietrich Jells	1991-95	160
5.	Dwight Collins	1980-83	133
	Gordon Jones	1975-78	133
7.	**Derek Kinder**	**2004-**	**130**
8.	Greg Lee	2003-05	127
9.	Billy Davis	1991-94	120
10.	Steve Moyer	1969-71	117

Derek Kinder on Pitt's All-Time Receiving Yardage List

No.	Name	Seasons	Yards
1.	Antonio Bryant	1999-2001	3,061
2.	Dietrich Jells	1991-95	3,003
3.	Latef Grim	1998-2000	2,680
4.	Larry Fitzgerald	2002-03	2,677
5.	Greg Lee	2003-05	2,470
6.	Dwight Collins	1980-83	2,264
7.	Gordon Jones	1975-78	2,230
8.	Henry Tuten	1987-89	1,758
9.	Billy Davis	1991-94	1,680
10.	**Derek Kinder**	**2004-**	**1,634**
11.	Bob Longo	1965-67	1,621
12.	Jake Hoffart	1996-97	1,519

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PLAYERS
Chas Alecxih (ah-LEX-ee)
John Bachman (BAWK-man)
Craig Bokor (BOW-kor)
Nate Byham (BY-um)
Myles Caragein (CARE-uh-jean)
Jovani Chappel (ja-von-nee sha-PELL)
Dom DeCicco (dah-see-co)
Tommie Duhart (DO-hart)
John Fieger (FIG-er)
Max Gruder (GREW-der)
Shariff Harris (sha-REEF)
Derek Kinder (KIN-der)
Dan Matha (MAY-tha)
LeSean McCoy (la-shawn)
Gus Mustakas (moo-STAKE-is)
Jabaal Sheard (ja-ball SH-eared)
Tino Sunseri (TEE-no)
Andrew & Jonathan Taglianetti (tag-lee-ah-net-ee)
Tyler Tkach (tack)
Mike Toerper (ter-per)
Joe Trebitz (tra-BETZ)
Oderick Turner (oh-derrick)

COACHES
Dave Wannstedt (Wawn-stead)
Brian Angelichio (an-jah-lee-ko)
Bryan Bossard (boo-sard)
Greg Gattuso (ga-TWO-so)

Quick Coaching Staff Reference

HEAD COACH:
Dave Wannstedt, head coach

ASSISTANT COACHES:
Greg Gattuso, assistant head coach/defensive line
Matt Cavanaugh, offensive coordinator/quarterbacks
Phil Bennett, defensive coordinator
Brian Angelichio, tight ends
Bryan Bossard, wide receivers
Jeff Hafley, secondary
Joe Tumpkin, linebackers
David Walker, running backs
Tony Wise, offensive line

FOOTBALL ADMINISTRATION:
Chris LaSala, assistant athletic director/football operations
Mike Antonoplos, assistant director of football operations
Bob Junko, director of football relations/program enhancement

GRADUATE ASSISTANTS:
Scott Turner, offensive graduate assistant
Greg Williams, defensive graduate assistant

STRENGTH & CONDITIONING:
Buddy Morris, head strength & conditioning coach
James Smith, assistant coach of physical preparation
Chad Lee, assistant strength & conditioning coach

Game Day Coaching Booth

Matt Cavanaugh, offensive coordinator/quarterbacks
Phil Bennett, defensive coordinator
Brian Angelichio, tight ends
Jeff Hafley, secondary
Scott Turner, offensive graduate assistant

Game Day Sideline Coaches

Dave Wannstedt, head coach
Bryan Bossard, wide receivers
Greg Gattuso, assistant head coach/defensive line
Joe Tumpkin, linebackers
David Walker, running backs
Tony Wise, offensive line
Greg Williams, defensive graduate assistant

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Head Coach Dave Wannstedt

The postseason has become a very familiar destination for Dave Wannstedt during his accomplished 33-year coaching career.

Wannstedt has been part of 11 bowl teams as a collegiate coach, including two undefeated national champions — the 1976 Pitt Panthers and 1987 Miami Hurricanes.

On the professional level, Wannstedt was part of six NFL playoff teams and a Super Bowl champion (the 1992 Dallas Cowboys).

His latest foray into the postseason serves notice that his Pitt football program is on the rise. The Panthers surged to the Brut Sun Bowl in 2008 using a blueprint Wannstedt began cultivating four years ago upon taking over as head coach of his alma mater — a potent run game complemented by a swarming, lightning-quick defense.

It's a formula that has served Wannstedt well throughout his coaching career, which began in his hometown of Pittsburgh in 1975.

Although his professional travels have taken him all over the country, Wannstedt has always considered Pittsburgh his home.

When Wannstedt speaks about Pitt and Pittsburgh, there is an unmistakable strength of conviction. He owns not one but two degrees from the University of Pittsburgh. He is a living, breathing example of a Pitt education and Pitt football.

"There might be no other coach in the country who knows the very soil beneath him better than 'Wanny,'" CBS Sportsline.com senior writer Dennis Dodd said. "Wannstedt's blood and sweat literally stain the grass at his alma mater."

"I wouldn't want to do this job anywhere else," Wannstedt said. "I love Pitt and I love the city of Pittsburgh."

The scene outside of Wannstedt's office windows in the Pitt football practice facility provides a view that is uniquely Pittsburgh and totally fitting for the Panthers' head coach.

The immediate view is to the east, where in the foreground the Panthers' lush grass practice fields capture the eye.

Just beyond the green fields sit steel mills, a reminder of the city's industrial heritage and, for decades, the economic lifeblood of the region.

A gaze back to the west and one can soak in Pittsburgh's breathtaking skyline. The skyscrapers now symbolize the "new Pittsburgh," the former steel city that has evolved into a thriving center for corporations, medicine and higher education.

Although he spent most of the last three decades residing outside of Pittsburgh, these views still remain familiar and comforting for Wannstedt.

He, too, once worked during the summers in the mills that inhabited a stretch of land located off Pittsburgh's Second Avenue. Wannstedt would labor alongside his father, Frank, and then head to old Pitt Stadium to pump a different kind of iron in the Panthers' weight room in preparation for the upcoming season.

Each of these scenes — the football fields, steel mills and the city — are embedded in Wannstedt. "Pittsburgh never really left me," he said. "It's always been a special place in my heart."

That is why, more than 30 years after captaining the Panthers' 1973 Fiesta Bowl team, Wannstedt was the perfect choice to lead the University of Pittsburgh's football program. He was named Pitt's 34th head coach on December 23, 2004.

A rugged offensive tackle for the Panthers from 1970-73, Wannstedt returned to his alma mater with three decades of highly accomplished coaching experience on the collegiate level and in the National Football League. His career has produced three championship rings, including a Super Bowl title and two national collegiate championships.

These days, Wannstedt only wears his Pitt 1976 national championship ring. "Our players and prospects should know that I was part of the greatest team Pitt ever had," he said. "I take pride in that."

"This opportunity is something I have dreamed about since my early coaching days at Pitt," said Wannstedt, who is a native of Baldwin, Pa.

Wannstedt is the ninth graduate of the school to lead the Panthers' football program.

A "Pitt Man" through and through, Wannstedt has served as a bridge to the program's past — the visits by former players and alumni have reached unprecedented levels — as he is driving the Panthers strongly into the future.

"Dave is a Pitt guy," said Mike Ditka, an All-America end for the Panthers before he went on to a Hall of Fame playing and coaching career in the NFL. "Dave has a commitment to this university. The excitement created since Dave came back probably hasn't happened in, what, 20 years? Dave is the right guy to lead this program. He's a young guy with a lot of enthusiasm and he's really proud to be a Pittsburgh guy."

In 2006, Wannstedt and his wife Jan gave a $250,000 gift to the University of Pittsburgh to endow a football scholarship.

"As a high school senior growing up in Baldwin, I was provided with the life-changing opportunity to receive an outstanding education and play major-college football due to a scholarship," Wannstedt said. "We want to be able to help provide those same opportunities for both current and future generations of student-athletes."

Wannstedt's passion and conviction have created a buzz about Pitt football in Western Pennsylvania and beyond. Not content to stay in Pitt's traditional backyard, Wannstedt embarks on annual tours of alumni functions and high schools throughout the commonwealth. The Panther boss causes quite a stir while meeting and greeting coaches, principals, high school superintendents, Pitt grads and future Pitt grads.

"The reception we've received has been overwhelming," Wannstedt said of his travels. "I have received nothing but the utmost respect from the coaches, players and administrators at all of the schools that we've visited. It's a tremendous feeling. I'm excited because I'm selling something I believe in — the University of Pittsburgh.

"I think people sense my enthusiasm and hopefully that makes them want to become a part of something special that we are building at Pitt."

Wannstedt rejoined the college ranks after spending the prior 16 years in the NFL. Eleven of those years were as a head coach, including six with the Chicago Bears (1993-98) and five with the Miami Dolphins (2000-04). Including 2005-08, his 18 years of collegiate coaching experience include 12 winning campaigns and a 137-70-4 record.

It all began, though, in Pittsburgh,

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where first he was a star at Baldwin High and later played a key role in Pitt football's resurgence in the 1970s.

"Dave was such a leader," said Jim Gilloolly, his high school football coach. "Dave would scramble up the side of the hill on all fours, in the weeds and the brush, to get in shape. He made a big W-A-N-N in the side of the hill. That became part of our drill, the Wannstedt Drill. Even after Dave was gone."

Wannstedt was a three-sport star for Baldwin in football, basketball and track and field. He earned all-state in football and played in the prestigious Big 33 Classic all-star game. Wannstedt captained both the Highlanders' football and basketball squads before graduating in 1970.

Earning a scholarship to the University of Pittsburgh, he played on the freshman team during the '70 season (freshmen were then not eligible for varsity competition) and earned a starting job as just a sophomore.

John Majors took over as head coach at Pitt for Wannstedt's senior year and led the team to a 6-4-1 regular season and Fiesta Bowl berth. The '73 campaign was the launching pad for Pitt's juggernaut success the rest of the decade that included a 55-15-1 mark (.782), a national championship and five bowls over the next six years. Wannstedt was one of the '73 team's unsung heroes, providing tough blocking from his left tackle spot. His efforts helped a young back named Tony Dorsett rush for 1,686 yards.

Although he was selected by the Green Bay Packers in the 1974 draft, a neck injury cut short Wannstedt's pro aspirations. He returned to Pitt and started his coaching career as a graduate assistant under Majors in 1975 and 1976.

"I knew he had big things ahead of him," Majors said. "You could see it and sense it. He was self-motivated and tough. He was fierce, and everyone around him respected him. He did things the right way, with hard work and dedication. I never had to worry about him. I also saw other players watching how he conducted himself and gravitating to him. That's why he is a great football coach — people see how much the game means to him, how hard he works."

When Majors departed following the undefeated '76 national title season, Wannstedt served under Jackie Sherrill at Pitt in 1977 and 1978, coaching receivers and special teams. His four years on the Panthers' staff witnessed three Top 15 national rankings, a combined 37-10-1 record (.781) and bowl invites each season. "You knew he had the talent to be a coach," Sherrill said. "Just the way he handled himself, the confidence he had, the way he handled other players."

The talent evident at Pitt launched Wannstedt into a coaching career that took him from his hometown to destinations all over the country, including a pair of NFL head coaching jobs.

During Wannstedt's head coaching tenure with the Dolphins, Miami was one of just three NFL teams from 2000-03 to record nine or more victories each year. The Dolphins' 41-23 mark during that span tied for the club's best four-year record in nearly 20 seasons. Miami captured the AFC East Division championship in 2000 with an 11-5 record. The Dolphins' defense that season ranked third in the NFL in points allowed (a franchise-low 226 points) and led the league with 28 interceptions. He joined the Dolphins in 1999 as assistant head coach under Jimmy Johnson.

Johnson, now an NFL analyst with FOX, and Wannstedt first teamed up together at Pitt. (Johnson was the assistant head coach and defensive coordinator under Sherrill before moving on as head coach at Oklahoma State.) The pair became fast friends at Pittsburgh and Johnson ultimately would tap Wannstedt as a top lieutenant at four stops, including Oklahoma State, the University of Miami, the Dallas Cowboys and with the Dolphins.

Wannstedt concluded his Chicago Bears tenure as the third-winningest coach in the franchise's history with 41 victories. In 1994 he was named the NFC Coach of the Year by UPI and *Football News* after directing Chicago back to the playoffs following a three-year hiatus. Wannstedt additionally was among the top three finishers for NFL Coach of the Year honors that season by The Associated Press, Pro Football Writers, *The Sporting News*, *Pro Football Weekly* and *Football Digest*. The Bears were the NFL's least-penalized team for two consecutive seasons (1994-95) under his watch.

From 1989-92, Wannstedt was part of a dramatic revitalization of the Dallas Cowboys as defensive coordinator and, in his final season, assistant head coach. His tenure witnessed Dallas' transformation from a 1-15 team to Super Bowl champions in just three years. Wannstedt's 1992 defense was the NFL's youngest but went on to lead the league in total defense, allowing just 245.7 yards per game. The '92 season was punctuated with the Cowboys' 52-17 demolition of Buffalo in Super Bowl XXVII as his defense forced nine turnovers. In 1990, Wannstedt's role in Dallas' revival earned him NFL Assistant Coach of the Year honors.

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Prior to Dallas, Wannstedt spent three years as the defensive coordinator of the Miami Hurricanes. From 1986-88, Miami went 34-2 (.944) and won the 1987 national championship with a 12-0 record. During his tenure, the Hurricanes held opponents to just 2.2 yards per rush, gave up only 10.9 points per game and averaged 48 sacks per year. Wannstedt's defenses produced 11 NFL draft selections, including five taken in the initial two rounds.

Wannstedt's other collegiate stops included Southern California (1983-85) and Oklahoma State (1979-82). As defensive line coach at USC, he helped the Trojans capture the 1984 Pacific-10 championship and a subsequent 20-17 win over Ohio State in the Rose Bowl. Wannstedt was also the defensive line coach at Oklahoma State his initial three years before elevating to defensive coordinator in 1982.

Wannstedt is a 1974 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh. He also earned his master's from Pitt in 1976. The Pitt Varsity Letter Club in 1999 named him an Awardee of Distinction for his professional and personal accomplishments following his graduation from the university. In 1990 Wannstedt was inducted into the Western Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, becoming the youngest person to receive the honor.

Wannstedt and his wife Jan have two daughters, Keri and Jami, and a grandson. Keri and her husband Mike Drew welcomed a son, Connor David, on Sept. 28, 2007.

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FAMILY Wannstedt and his wife Jan have two daughters, Keri and Jami. Keri and her husband Mike Drew gave the Wannstedts their first grandchild, Connor David Drew, on Sept. 28, 2007.

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COLLEGE
PITTSBURGH
YEARS/POSITION: 1975-76, graduate assistant; 1977-78, receivers and special teams.
HIGHLIGHTS: Pitt advances to bowl games each season of his four-year tenure, winning three… finishes in the nation's Top 15 three times and the Top 10 twice…Pitt wins the 1976 national championship with a 12-0 record…Panthers' compile 37-10-1 four-year mark (.781).

OKLAHOMA STATE
YEARS/POSITION: 1979-81, defensive line; 1982, defensive coordinator.
HIGHLIGHTS: Helped OSU earn its first bowl invite in five years (1981 Independence Bowl).

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
YEARS/POSITION: 1983-85, defensive line.
HIGHLIGHTS: USC earned two bowl berths…Trojans finish in the Top 10 in 1984 following a 9-3 record and Rose Bowl victory over Ohio State (20-17).

MIAMI
YEARS/POSITION: 1986-88, defensive coordinator.
HIGHLIGHTS: Miami compiles a three-year record of 34-2 (.944)…advances to three New Year's Day bowl games (1987 Fiesta, 1988 and 1989 Orange)…wins the 1987 national title with a 12-0 mark…UM's defense holds opponents to three-year averages of 2.2 yards/rush and 10.9 points/game.

PITTSBURGH
YEARS/POSITION: 2005-present, head coach.
HIGHLIGHTS: Named head coach on Dec. 23, 2004…becomes the 34th coach in program's history and ninth Pitt graduate to lead the Panthers...signs three consecutive recruiting classes (2006-08) rated the best in the Big East and among the top 25 nationally... the 2006 and 2007 classes were rated No. 10 and No. 8, respectively, in Scout.com's national rankings…produces consecutive first-round NFL Draft choices in cornerback Darrelle Revis (New York Jets) and Jeff Otah (Carolina Panthers)… produces two first-team All-America linebackers in three years, including H.B. Blades in 2006 and Scott McKillop in 2008.

PROFESSIONAL
DALLAS COWBOYS
YEARS/POSITION: 1989-92, defensive coordinator; 1992, assistant head coach.
HIGHLIGHTS: Dallas wins Super Bowl XXVII, defeating Buffalo, 52-17…named 1990 NFL Assistant Coach of the Year.

CHICAGO BEARS
YEARS/POSITION: 1993-98, head coach.
HIGHLIGHTS: Finishes as third-winningest coach in Bears' history…named 1994 NFC Coach of the Year by UPI and *Football News*.

MIAMI DOLPHINS
YEARS/POSITION: 1999, assistant head coach; 2000-04, head coach.
HIGHLIGHTS: 2000 AFC East champs with 11-5 mark…named 2000 NFL Coach of the Year by FOX's Terry Bradshaw (annual "Terry Awards")…Wannstedt's 41-23 mark from 2000-03 ranked fifth among all NFL coaches… one of only three teams from 2000-03 to win nine or more games each season…2000 & 2001 Florida Sports Awards Pro Coach of the Year.

2008 Brut Sun Bowl

Greg Gattuso • Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Line

GREG GATTUSO has made invaluable contributions to the Pitt football program since joining Dave Wannstedt's original staff in 2005. As a result, Gattuso was promoted to assistant head coach this past offseason, expanding his duties beyond the playing and practice fields.

Gattuso is in his fourth season with the Panthers and his third coaching the defensive line. A former All-East defensive lineman himself at Penn State during the early 1980s, he helped mold one of Pitt's best defensive fronts in recent memory.

Defensive end Greg Romeus, who earned Freshman All-America honors last season, was named All-Big East this year. Romeus and fellow defensive end Jabaal Sheard each totaled a team-high 5.5 sacks on the season.

In 2007, Gattuso's line was a vital part of the Panthers' nationally rated defense. Pitt ranked fifth nationally and first in the Big East in total defense, yielding just 297.67 yards per game. The Panthers also earned lofty national rankings in pass defense (third, 167.25 yards/game), sacks (20th, 2.92 sacks/game), pass efficiency defense (26th, 113.96 rating) and rush defense (33rd, 130.42 yards/game).

Gattuso originally joined the Pitt staff as tight ends coach and recruiting coordinator in 2005. In his first season, he helped the Panthers sign a recruiting class rated the nation's 10th best by Scout.com.

A Western Pennsylvania native, Gattuso brings to Pitt a winning resume as a coach and player on both the collegiate and high school levels. Before joining Pitt, Gattuso spent 12 years building neighboring Duquesne University into one of the elite I-AA football programs in the country. The winningest coach in school history, the Dukes went 97-32 (.752) under his direction, won eight Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) titles, made five bowl appearances and captured the 2003 consensus Mid-Major Division I-AA national championship.

Gattuso was twice named the national Mid-Major I-AA Coach of the Year and was a seven-time MAAC Coach of the Year. The Dukes dominated the MAAC during his tenure, going 66-7 (.904) in league play, including a 33-game winning streak.

Gattuso was an assistant coach at Duquesne in 1992 before taking over the head coaching post the following year. He previously served as head coach at his high school alma mater, Seton-LaSalle, from 1989-91. Taking over a team that went 6-34 during the four seasons prior to his arrival, Gattuso led the Rebels to a 28-10-1 mark (.731), including three WPIAL playoff berths, a WPIAL championship and Parkway Conference title.

A 1980 graduate of Seton-LaSalle High, Gattuso was named the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*'s Class AA Player of the Year his senior season and went on to a standout career at Penn State, where he was a two-time All-East defensive lineman and a member of the Lions' 1982 national title team.

Gattuso is a 1983 graduate of Penn State with a bachelor's degree in administration and criminal justice.

2008 Brut Sun bowl

Matt Cavanaugh • Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks

MATT CAVANAUGH, who ranks among the most effective and efficient quarterbacks in Pitt history, is in his fourth year as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach for the Panthers.

In its 2007 college football annual, *The Sporting News* named Cavanaugh the top offensive coordinator in the Big East — and for good reason. In Cavanaugh, Pitt has a well-versed offensive mind who has experience on both the pro and college levels.

Under Cavanaugh's direction, Pitt is averaging a Big East-leading 29.3 points per game.

Running back LeSean McCoy picked up his second consecutive 1,000-yard rushing season in 2008, making him just the third player in Pitt history to reach the milestone in back-to-back years. McCoy, who has scored 36 TDs in just two seasons, also broke numerous Pitt marks in his sophomore campaign, including Larry Fitzgerald's record for most touchdowns scored as a freshman and sophomore (34).

In 2006, Cavanaugh's offense ranked among the nation's top 20 in three different major categories, including pass efficiency (third, 166.79 rating), scoring (14th, 31.75 points per game) and passing (20th, 249.25 yards per game). Pitt's scoring average of nearly 32 points per game that season was its highest in 25 years. Only the Panthers' 1981 edition, which averaged 32.1 points under quarterback Dan Marino, scored at a higher clip during that span.

Individually, quarterback Tyler Palko was a major beneficiary of Cavanaugh's guidance. As a senior in 2006, Palko led the Big East and ranked fourth in the country in pass efficiency (163.25). He finished his career ranked second all-time at Pitt in total offense (8,429) and touchdown passes (tied with 66) and additionally finished third in career passing yards (8,343).

Cavanaugh has renewed ties with Dave Wannstedt for the third time. Wannstedt was an assistant on the Pitt staff during the final three years of Cavanaugh's sparkling collegiate career from 1974-77. The pair also worked together in the NFL when Wannstedt was the head coach of the Chicago Bears and Cavanaugh his offensive coordinator.

Cavanaugh will forever be remembered in Panther lore for quarterbacking Pitt to the 1976 national championship. He capped that magical season with an MVP performance in the Sugar Bowl, leading Pittsburgh to a 27-3 demolition of Georgia. Cavanaugh scored the first touchdown of the game and the celebration of that score became a *Sports Illustrated* cover (Jan. 10, 1977), which is still displayed at several locales on campus.

His effective blend of passing and running made him an All-American in 1977 and his 3,378 career passing yards still rank 13th in Pitt annals.

He returned to Pittsburgh in 2005 with an impressive resume as a player and coach on both the collegiate and professional levels. In addition to his collegiate championship, Cavanaugh earned three Super Bowl rings, including two as a player (with the San Francisco 49ers in 1984 and the New York Giants in 1990) and one as a coach (Baltimore Ravens in 2000).

A native of Youngstown, Ohio, and graduate of Chaney High, Cavanaugh spent 14 years as a quarterback in the National Football League. A second-round selection of New England in 1978, he spent five seasons (1978-82) with the Patriots before moving on to stints with the San Francisco 49ers (1983-85), Philadelphia Eagles (1986-89) and New York Giants (1990-91).

Cavanaugh began his coaching career at Pitt, where he served as tight ends coach for John Majors in 1993. He then moved back to the NFL, serving as quarterbacks coach for the Arizona Cardinals from 1994-95 and at San Francisco in 1996. From 1997-98, Cavanaugh was offensive coordinator for Chicago, serving under Wannstedt, who was the Bears' head coach. He then was the offensive coordinator at Baltimore (1999-2004), where during the Ravens' Super Bowl season he orchestrated a rushing attack that produced a franchise-record 2,199 yards.

Cavanaugh earned his bachelor's degree from Pitt in administration of justice.

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Phil Bennett • Defensive Coordinator

PHIL BENNETT, a three-decade veteran of the college coaching ranks and a former national "Coordinator of the Year" honoree, was named defensive coordinator at the University of Pittsburgh in February. *Sports Illustrated*'s Stewart Mandel subsequently named Bennett one of the nation's top 10 "impact assistants" this year.

Bennett's influence was immediate in his first year at Pitt as senior All-America linebacker Scott McKillop earned Big East Defensive Player of the Year honors in 2008. McKillop is currently second in the country in solo tackles (6.50 per game) and 11th in total tackles (10.50 per game). Sophomore defensive end Greg Romeus and junior cornerback Aaron Berry were also named All-Big East for their contributions in 2008.

Bennett joined the Panthers after serving as head coach at Southern Methodist University from 2002-07. Prior to SMU, he oversaw some of the country's top defensive units while at such schools as Texas A&M, Kansas State and Louisiana State.

While rebuilding the program at SMU, Bennett improved the Mustangs' win total for three consecutive seasons, including his 2006 team that reached bowl eligibility and achieved the program's highest victory total in a decade. That squad also received the American Football Coaches Association's (AFCA) 2006 Academic Achievement Award after SMU earned a 100% graduation rate for its freshman class of 2000-01.

Prior to SMU, Bennett was the defensive coordinator and secondary coach at Kansas State for three years (1999-2001). During his tenure, the Wildcats finished among the nation's top five in total defense each season, including second in 1999 (235.0 yards/game), fourth in 2000 (270.54) and third in 2001 (262.36).

Bennett's secondary units were equally impressive, finishing in the top 10 in pass efficiency defense each year. The 1999 Wildcats led the entire country in pass efficiency defense with an impressive 65.7 rating. They also topped the nation in turnover margin (1.55 margin/game), collecting 21 interceptions and 17 fumbles.

Two of his standouts in the secondary, Dyshod Carter and Jerametrius Butler, became just the second pair of KSU teammates to record 10 or more career interceptions. Both went on to play in the NFL.

In 1998, Bennett served as secondary coach and co-recruiting coordinator at Oklahoma as he helped the Sooners finish sixth nationally in total defense. In 1997, he was the defensive coordinator at Texas Christian and helped the Horned Frogs earn their highest defensive rankings in five years.

Bennett was the defensive coordinator at Texas A&M from 1995-96. *American Football Quarterly* named him its 1995 "Defensive Coordinator of the Year" after the Aggies ranked in the nation's top 10 in every major defensive category, including total defense (third), scoring defense (third) and pass efficiency defense (second).

From 1991-94, Bennett served at LSU, including his final three seasons as assistant head coach. In 1994, he was the Tigers' defensive coordinator. That season, LSU led the Southeastern Conference in every major defensive category and finished eighth nationally in total defense. Bennett's positional focus was the outside linebackers his first three seasons and the secondary his final year in Baton Rouge.

Prior to LSU, Bennett held defensive coordinator posts at Purdue (1987-90) and Iowa State (1983-86). In 1982 he coached TCU's tight ends and tackles. Bennett began his coaching career at Texas A&M as a part-time defensive ends coach from 1979-80 before assuming a full-time position in 1981.

Bennett is a 1978 graduate of Texas A&M with a B.S. in education. He was an All-Southwest Conference defensive end for the Aggies, helping them earn invitations to the Sun, Bluebonnet and Liberty bowls during his career.

2008 Brut Sun bowl

Brian Angelichio • Tight Ends

BRIAN ANGELICHIO is in his third year on Pitt's coaching staff working with the tight ends.

Under Angelichio's watch, the tight ends have been integral contributors to the Panthers' rushing and passing attacks. The position continued to be a major strength for Pitt's offense in 2008 with the junior trio of Nate Byham, John Pelusi and Dorin Dickerson.

Under Angelichio's guidance, Byham earned first team All-Big East this year, an unprecedented achievement for a Pitt tight end. Byham enters the bowl game with 18 catches for 250 yards (13.9 yards per reception average) and a touchdown on the season.

Angelichio oversaw the development of former Panthers tight end Darrell Strong, who signed with the Oakland Raiders this past spring. Strong, who caught six touchdown passes over his final two collegiate seasons, was selected to play in the Hula Bowl all-star game.

Angelichio joined Pitt as a well-rounded football coach following his 10-year tenure at Ithaca College (1996-2005). Named Ithaca's offensive coordinator in 2000, Angelichio molded a highly productive unit that set or tied 30 team and individual records over his final five seasons. The Bombers averaged nearly 40 points per game in 2005 to rank 18th nationally on the NCAA Division III level.

Angelichio oversaw the development of seven All-Americans at Ithaca, which advanced to the postseason in seven of his 10 years. His offenses averaged more than 30 points per game in six of his final eight seasons. Before elevating to his offensive coordinator post, Angelichio coached Ithaca's linebackers (1996-97) and receivers (1998). He oversaw the offensive line from 1999-2005.

In addition to football, Angelichio was a member of Ithaca's baseball staff for nine years, helping the Bombers to the NCAA playoffs each season.

A 1995 graduate of St. Lawrence with a bachelor's in physical education, Angelichio was a member of the Saints' football and baseball teams. He was a three-year starter at outside linebacker and also was a captain and four-year starter on the baseball team. Angelichio spent a season as secondary coach at Brockport (1995) before coming to Ithaca. He earned his master's from Ithaca in 1997.

2008 Brut Sun Bowl

Bryan Bossard • Wide Receivers

BRYAN BOSSARD, who served on the staff at Maryland from 2005-07, was named wide receivers coach at Pitt by Dave Wannstedt last February.

Bossard previously worked under Wannstedt in a pair of NFL summer coaching internships with the Chicago Bears in 1996-97.

Pitt's receiving corps has been deep in 2008. Four receivers have at least 21 catches, led by senior Derek Kinder's 35. Bossard has also overseen the development of freshman wideout Jonathan Baldwin, who is averaging a Big East-best 22.4 yards per catch.

Working with a young Terps receiving corps in 2007, Bossard oversaw the development of Freshman All-America wideout LaQuan Williams. He coached another Frosh All-American in Darrius Heyward-Bey during the 2006 campaign.

Prior to his Maryland tenure, Bossard coached the receivers at perennial I-AA power Delaware, his alma mater, from 2002-04. He also was on the Blue Hens' coaching staff from 1994-98 in the same capacity.

Bossard helped Delaware win the 2003 Division I-AA national title with a 15-1 mark. During that championship season, the Blue Hens had three different receivers catch 50 passes or more, an unprecedented achievement at UD. Delaware made three consecutive playoff berths from 1995-97, advancing to the national semifinals each year.

A native of Dover, Del., Bossard was an outstanding player himself for the Blue Hens from 1985-88. An All-Yankee Conference defensive back, he helped Delaware to two I-AA playoff berths. In his final collegiate season he collected 122 tackles and was selected the team's outstanding senior defensive player by the Blue Hen Touchdown Club.

Bossard broke into the collegiate coaching ranks as a graduate assistant at Delaware in 1990. He then coached defensive backs at Morehouse College (1991), West Chester University (1992) and Bucknell (1992-93).

In 1999, Bossard coached the receivers at Army before moving on to a defensive back coaching post at Wyoming during the 2000 and '01 seasons.

He is a 1989 graduate of Delaware with a bachelor's degree in agricultural business management.

2008 Brut Sun bowl

Jeff Hafley • Secondary

Entering his third year at Pitt, **JEFF HAFLEY** has been a valuable member of the Panthers' defensive coaching staff.

When the opportunity arose last offseason, Hafley was rewarded for his efforts when Dave Wannstedt promoted him to secondary coach. Hafley previously served as Pitt's defensive graduate assistant in 2006 and '07 with a specific coaching focus on the cornerbacks.

Cornerback Aaron Berry was an All-Big East pick under Hafley's guidance, breaking up seven passes and intercepting two. Strong safety Dom DeCicco finished second in the Big East in interceptions with four.

Hafley helped the Panthers in 2007 rank fifth nationally and first in the Big East in total defense, yielding just 297.67 yards per game. The Panthers also earned lofty national rankings in pass defense (third, 167.25 yards/game), sacks (20th, 2.92 sacks/game), pass efficiency defense (26th, 113.96 rating) and rush defense (33rd, 130.42 yards/game).

Prior to Pitt, Hafley served at the University of Albany for four seasons (2002-05), including his final two as defensive backs coach and recruiting coordinator. In his initial two years Hafley was a graduate assistant who coached Albany's defensive tackles and outside linebackers.

While at Albany, Hafley oversaw the development of cornerback/roverback Kurt Campbell, who went on to become the only player in school history to be selected in the NFL Draft. Campbell was drafted by the Green Bay Packers in 2005 and spent last season with the Tennessee Titans.

Hafley served as the running backs coach at Worcester Polytechnic Institute during the 2001 season. In addition to overseeing the running backs, he also worked significantly with WPI's special teams and coached the kickers.

Hafley was a four-year wide receiver at Siena College from 1997-2000. He began his coaching career at his alma mater while recovering from three separate surgeries that kept him off the field. Hafley is a 2001 cum laude graduate of Siena with a bachelor's degree in history. He earned his master's from Albany in 2003.

2008 Brut Sun Bowl

Joe Tumpkin • Linebackers

JOE TUMPKIN, who spent 2005-07 on the defensive staff at Southern Methodist University, joined Pitt as linebackers coach in February of 2008.

Under Tumpkin's watch, Pitt senior linebacker Scott McKillop was a Football Writers All-American and the Big East Defensive Player of the Year. McKillop sits at second in the country in solo tackles (6.50 avg.) this season and is 11th in total tackles (10.50).

The first-year Pitt coach had a few challenges on his hands in 2008, losing two returning starters to injury by the first week of the season. However, Tumpkin helped senior Austin Ransom and redshirt freshman Greg Williams to remarkable seasons, as Ransom was second on the team in tackles with 78 and Williams contributed two interceptions (one for a TD) and 44 tackles on the year.

Tumpkin also coached the linebackers while with the Mustangs (2005-07), serving under then-SMU head coach Phil Bennett, who is now Pitt's defensive coordinator. While at SMU, Tumpkin oversaw the development of All-Conference USA linebacker Reggie Carrington. During the 2006 season, SMU earned bowl eligibility behind a defense that ranked 24th nationally against the run (107.5 yards/game).

In 2007, Tumpkin earned a coaching fellowship with the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers. As part of the fellowship, he worked with Tampa Bay's coaching staff during the team's July training camp.

From 2002-04, Tumpkin served at Sam Houston State, where he coached the linebackers (2002-03) and secondary (2004). He was instrumental in the development of Sam Houston State linebackers T.J. Dibble, a two-time All-Southland selection, and Paul Donelson, who earned All-America honors. In 2004, the Bearkats captured a share of the Southland Conference championship, advanced to the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs and reached as high as No. 3 in the national rankings.

Tumpkin was the defensive coordinator at Lakeland College during the 2000 and '01 seasons. From 1998-99, he was the linebackers coach and recruiting coordinator at Southern Illinois, where he helped mold Bart Scott, who has gone on to be a Pro Bowl performer with the Baltimore Ravens. In 1996 Tumpkin coached the linebackers at Defiance College.

Tumpkin's additional experience includes graduate assistantships at Lakeland (1994), Northern Michigan (1995) and Western Michigan (1997).

As a collegian, Tumpkin was a team captain and four-year letterman at Michigan Tech. He earned his bachelor's degree from Michigan Tech in 1994.

2008 Brut Sun bowl

David Walker • Running Backs

DAVID WALKER was a key original appointment by Coach Dave Wannstedt in 2005 as Pitt has put a renewed emphasis on developing a potent and punishing running game. In his fourth season as running backs coach, Walker has helped Pitt take major steps in achieving that goal.

With Walker's influence, the Panthers might boast the best tailback-fullback tandem in the Big East — if not nationally — in sophomore LeSean McCoy and senior Conredge Collins.

McCoy continues to impress in his sophomore season as he was a unanimous selection to the All-Big East first team in 2008, earning his second All-Big East first-team honor. The true sophomore leads the nation in scoring (10.50 points per game) and is the 10th-leading rusher (116.92). McCoy's 1,403 rushing yards this season makes him just the third player in Pitt history to reach the 1,000-yard milestone twice in a career.

In 2007, McCoy was the country's top freshman rusher with an average of 110.67 yards per game. He set a Big East freshman record with 1,328 yards on 276 carries (4.81 avg.), surpassing Terrell Willis' (Rutgers) mark of 1,261 set in 1993.

McCoy was a unanimous Freshman All-American and additionally was selected first team All-Big East and the Big East Rookie of the Year. Collins, a dangerous running and receiving threat, is considered one of the nation's finest at his position.

Before joining Pitt, Walker tutored four 1,000-yard rushers in his last five years as running backs coach at Syracuse. He served with the Orange from 1995-2004 and shaped an exceptional record of producing top-flight running backs. He counts among his protégés six backs who played in the National Football League.

The Orange boasted a potent 1-2 punch in the backfield in 2004 with All-Big East running backs Walter Reyes and Damien Rhodes combining for 1,673 yards and 17 touchdowns. Reyes finished his career as SU's second all-time leading rusher with 3,424 yards.

Walker oversaw four consecutive 1,000-yard rushers from 2000-03, a Syracuse record. In '03, Reyes rushed for 1,347 yards, the second-highest single-season total in school history. His 21 touchdowns set an Orange record. Overall, Walker coached three of the Orange's top seven all-time leading rushers.

A 1993 graduate of Syracuse, Walker was an outstanding running back himself, twice earning All-Big East honors. He captained the 1992 team, leading it to a No. 6 national ranking, 10-2 overall record and 26-22 victory over Colorado in the Fiesta Bowl. Walker remains the sixth-leading rusher in Orange history with 2,643 yards.

Following a year as an assistant coach at Miami's Carol City High School in 1994-95, Walker rejoined his alma mater and helped the Orange to four Big East championships. Including his playing career, he has been part of 12 bowl games.

Walker earned his bachelor's degree in physical education in 1993.

2008 Brut Sun Bowl

Tony Wise • Offensive Line

TONY WISE, an accomplished 35-year coaching veteran of collegiate and professional football, was named Pitt's offensive line coach in January of 2008 by Dave Wannstedt.

Due to Wise's guidance, the Pitt offensive line is at its most productive in years. Senior veteran C.J. Davis, a left guard converted to center, was named to the All-Big East first team in 2008 and the line blocked for 1,000-yard rusher LeSean McCoy, allowing him to become just the third player in Pitt history to rush for 1,000 yards in back-to-back seasons.

Wise spent the prior 18 years coaching offensive lines in the National Football League, including the 2006 and '07 seasons with the New York Jets. Wise's Pitt appointment reunites him with Wannstedt, who he coached with on six prior occasions, and returns him to a place where he received one of his first college coaching positions.

Wannstedt and Wise first worked together on Jackie Sherrill's Pitt coaching staff during the 1977 and '78 seasons. Wannstedt coached receivers and special teams under Sherrill, while Wise was the Panthers' assistant offensive line coach. They would go on to serve on the same staffs with Oklahoma State, the University of Miami, the Dallas Cowboys and during Wannstedt's head coaching tenures with the Chicago Bears and Miami Dolphins.

Prior to his stint with the Jets, Wise spent four seasons with the Dolphins (2001-04). While at Miami, his offensive lines helped produce the two highest individual single-season rushing totals in franchise history. During the 2002 season, the Dolphins rushed for 156.4 yards per game to rank first in the AFC and second in the NFL.

From 1999-2000, Wise served with the Carolina Panthers. During the '99 season, Carolina averaged 4.3 yards per rush to rank fifth in the NFL. Wise served on Wannstedt's Chicago staff from 1993-98, and also teamed with Pitt offensive coordinator Matt Cavanaugh, who held the same position with the Bears during the 1997 and '98 campaigns. In four of those six seasons, the Bears ranked in the top 10 of the NFL in fewest sacks allowed, including a league-low 15 in 1995. Wise added the duties of assistant head coach his final four seasons in Chicago.

Wise's NFL career began in 1989 with the Dallas Cowboys, where he coached the offensive line for four seasons (1989-92) under Jimmy Johnson. Wise's line paved the way for Emmitt Smith, who claimed back-to-back NFL rushing titles in 1991 and 1992. Smith rushed for 1,563 yards during the '91 campaign and 1,713 during the Cowboys' Super Bowl championship season in '92.

Dallas rolled past Buffalo, 52-17, in Super Bowl XXVII, the Cowboys' first NFL title in 15 years. Wise's offensive front was vital to the championship run, allowing the second-fewest sacks in the NFL (23). He coached a pair of 1992 Pro Bowlers in center Mark Stepnoski, a former Pitt standout, and guard Nate Newton.

Wise also served under Johnson while with the Miami Hurricanes from 1985-88. His UM tenure witnessed the Hurricanes' emergence as a national power. Miami went 34-2 during Wise's final three seasons there, including a 12-0 mark in winning the 1987 national championship.

A native of Newtonville, N.Y., Wise was an offensive lineman at Ithaca College from 1969-72. He also lettered in lacrosse at Ithaca and played on the school's hockey team. Wise began his coaching career in 1973 at Albany State, where he worked with the outside linebackers. He later coached the offensive lines at Bridgeport (1974), Central Connecticut (1975) and on Jackie Sherrill's staff at Washington State in 1976. Wise's additional collegiate stops include Oklahoma State (under Jimmy Johnson from 1979-83) and Syracuse (1984).

2008 Brut Sun bowl

Buddy Morris • Strength and Conditioning

Looking to infuse the Pitt weight room with a new sense of purpose and dedication, Dave Wannstedt lured home **BUDDY MORRIS** in 2007 as the Panthers' strength and conditioning coach.

The appointment paid immediate dividends in '07 as the Panthers played at their most physical level in recent seasons. Pitt produced its first 1,000-yard rusher in seven years and also boasted a defensive unit that ranked in the nation's top five.

That intensity elevated this season as the Panthers defeated five opponents in the fourth quarter in 2008. Pitt trailed Iowa, Syracuse, USF, Notre Dame and West Virginia in the fourth quarter, but rallied to earn victories in each of those games, a tribute to the Panthers' strong conditioning level.

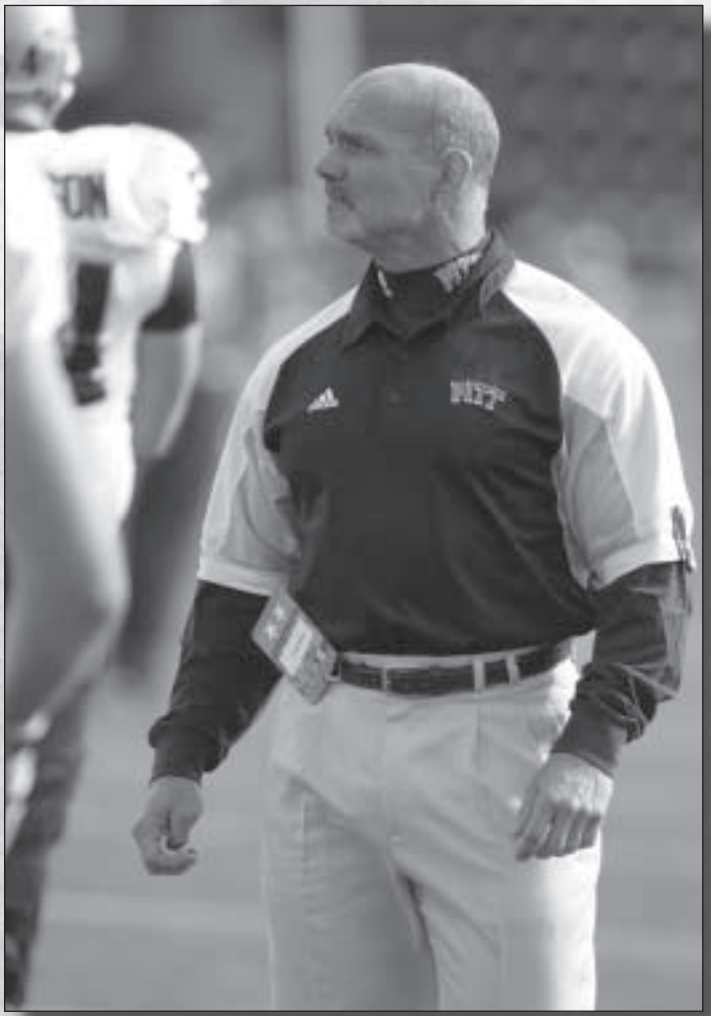
Morris owns an accomplished history of training elite players at both the collegiate and NFL levels. The 1980 Pitt graduate previously served as the football team's strength and conditioning coach from 1980-89 and 1997-2001.

His workout regimens are highly regarded and include a focus on strength training, speed development, conditioning, agility training and flexibility.

"Buddy Morris has trained some of the greatest names in college and professional football," Wannstedt said. "He knows what it takes to make a football player — and a football team — reach his highest potential in strength training and physical conditioning."

Morris rejoined Pitt after serving at the University of Buffalo in 2006 as its director of sports performance and was directly responsible for training the Bulls' football team. Prior to Buffalo, he was the head strength and conditioning coach for the Cleveland Browns from 2002-05, serving under head coach Butch Davis.

In his prior Pitt training stints, Morris' pupils included such legendary figures as Jim Covert, Bill Fralic, Russ Grimm, Dan Marino and Mark Stepnoski among others. He additionally trained latter-day Pitt stars Ruben Brown and Curtis Martin, two of the NFL's most accomplished players over the past decade.



A former Pitt student-athlete himself, Morris was a four-year letterman in track and field for the Panthers from 1977-80. In addition, he helped create the familiar moniker of the Panthers' weight room, "The Pitt Iron Works."

2008 Brut Sun Bowl

Chris LaSala • Assistant AD/Football Operations

CHRIS LASALA is in his 12th year as director of football operations at the University of Pittsburgh. LaSala is in his ninth year as an assistant athletic director.

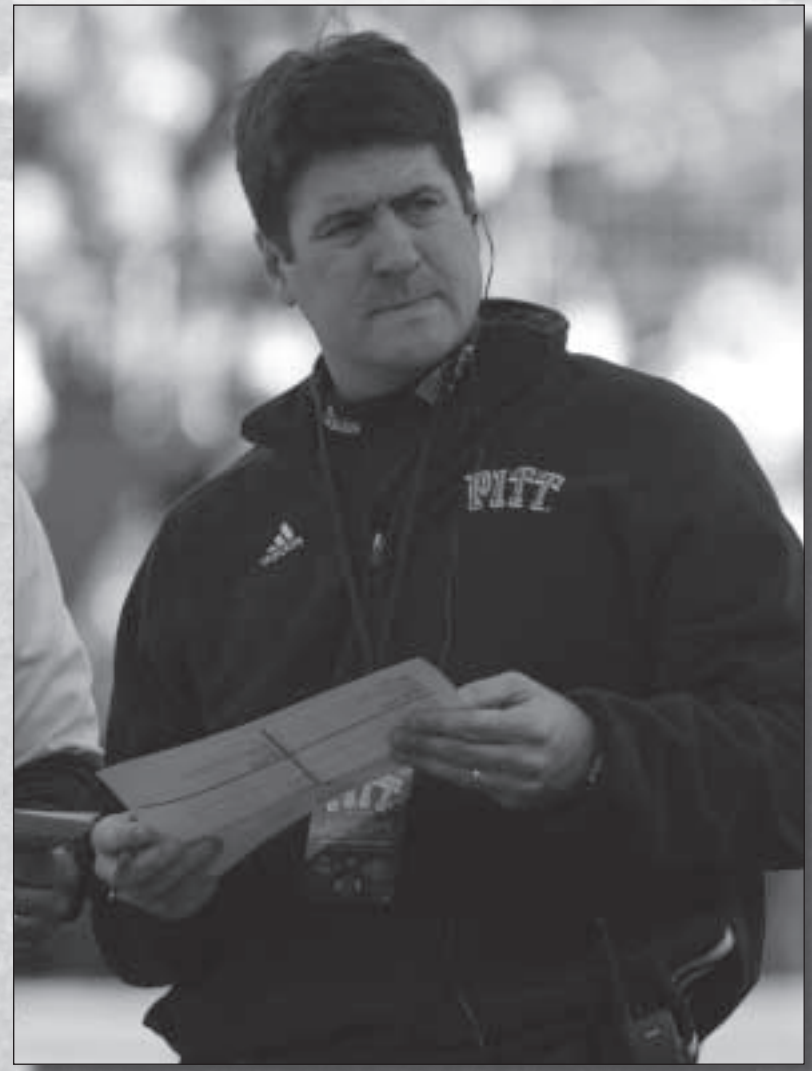
A native of nearby Aliquippa, Pa., LaSala is truly the Panthers' master of multi-tasking. He coordinates and oversees travel accommodations including Pitt's trip to the Sun Bowl, youth summer camps, the annual coaches clinic, preseason camp arrangements and all day-to-day administration for the Pitt football team. LaSala also serves as the football program's liaison to numerous campus offices and within the athletic department.

In 2004 he was named a recipient of the prestigious Chancellor's Award for Staff Excellence in service to the University of Pittsburgh. In 2006 LaSala was recognized as an "Outstanding Graduate" of Temple University's sport/recreation administration program.

LaSala was a chief coordinator and planner for Pitt's move to its state-of-the-art practice facility, the UPMC Sports Performance Complex. He has been instrumental in the planning of Pitt's trips to the 2005 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, 2003 Continental Tire Bowl, 2002 Insight Bowl, 2001 Visit Florida Tangerine Bowl, 2000 Insight.com Bowl and 1997 AXA/Equitable Liberty Bowl.

LaSala's career in athletics began at Temple, where he served as a graduate assistant. He then came to the University of Pittsburgh as an athletic department intern in 1989.

Prior to his 1997 Pitt appointment he served three years as the director of football operations at Boston College (1994-96), where he handled all the administrative duties for the football program, including overseeing the travel arrangements and organizing BC's youth camps.



During his BC tenure, the Eagles captured the 1994 Aloha Bowl and participated in the 1995 Kickoff Classic.

Before Boston College, LaSala spent four years at Temple (1990-93) as recruiting coordinator and ultimately was elevated to assistant athletic director. He initially joined Temple as a graduate assistant in 1988 and then returned to the Owls' football staff in 1990 as the administrative assistant.

LaSala graduated from West Virginia in 1988 with a bachelor's degree in accounting. He earned his master's degree in sports administration from Temple in 1991.

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Bob Junko • Director of Football Relations and Program Enhancement

After spending nearly four decades in the coaching ranks, **BOB JUNKO** moved to the administrative side of college football in 2007 as Pitt's director of football relations and program enhancement.

Junko is a natural for the role given his tremendous football acumen and contacts. In his second year in that capacity, he assists in the daily operations of the program and also has a focus on the Panthers' extended family of football alumni.

One of the best-known football figures in the tri-state area, Junko has been a highly valuable figure within the Pitt program. He played a major role in the Panthers' recent recruiting successes and in 2006 was named one of the nation's top 25 recruiters by Rivals.com.

The 2008 season marks the 12th year of Junko's second tour at Pittsburgh. He initially coached at Pitt from 1982-85, serving as defensive coordinator under head coach Foge Fazio. He returned in 1997 as defensive tackles coach under Walt Harris and was elevated to assistant head coach in 2000.

Prior to returning to Pittsburgh, Junko was the defensive coordinator at Kent State from 1995-96. Junko also served as the associate head coach and defensive coordinator for seven years at Akron (1988-94). He additionally held similar positions at Northwestern, TCU and Tulsa, his alma mater.

In his first stint with the Panthers, the 1982 team received a Cotton Bowl bid and finished ninth in the country. The 1983 Panthers earned a Fiesta Bowl berth and ranked 19th in the final polls.

Among the standouts on those defenses were tackle Bill Maas, defensive end Chris Doleman and defensive backs Tim Lewis and Tom Flynn, all of whom went on to careers in the NFL.

As a collegian, Junko starred at Tulsa as an inside linebacker and was an Honorable Mention All-American in 1967. He also was named to the All-Missouri Valley Conference team twice and served as team captain.

Junko earned a bachelor's degree in history education in 1968 and his master's in educational administration in 1970 at Tulsa. He was inducted into the University of Tulsa Sports Hall of Fame this past year.

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Rob Blanc • Head Athletic Trainer/Director of Athletic Performance

ROB BLANC is in his 21st year as head football athletic trainer and clinical instructor at Pitt. With his exceptional sports medicine knowledge and experience, Blanc is a tremendous resource for the entire Pitt athletic department.

Since his appointment as head athletic trainer in 1993, he has been responsible for overseeing all of the clinical medical services for Pitt. Blanc additionally has led Pitt's Performance Team the last eight years. The Performance Team is a unique blending of the university's numerous resources to serve the total well being of Pitt student-athletes.

Blanc coordinates sports coverage, budget, inventory, drug testing and counseling. Additionally, he is a faculty member for Pitt's undergraduate athletic training curriculum, approved by the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA).

Blanc graduated from Slippery Rock in 1982 and earned his master's in athletic training in 1984 from Ohio University. He is also a certified paramedic and was involved in an emergency medical service for 17 years in nearby Bethel Park.

A native of Pittsburgh, Blanc served as head athletic trainer at neighboring Duquesne University for two years before joining the Panthers' staff.

Blanc began his training career as the head athletic trainer at New Lexington (Ohio) High School in 1983. A year later, he began working for the Pittsburgh Steelers on a part-time basis, serving at training camp and at all home games.

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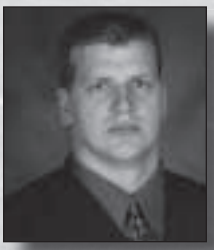

John Bachman

Offensive Lineman
*6-4 • 280 • JR**
Moon Township, Pa.

#62

Bachman in Brief: Has played in all 12 games, contributing as a reserve offensive guard and on the field goal/PAT units…will earn his third letter this year.

Jonathan Baldwin

Wide Receiver
6-5 • 220 • FR
Aliquippa, Pa.

#82

2008 Stats: Averaging 22.4 yards/catch on 18 receptions for 404 yards...has three TDs , including scoring catches of 60 and 52 yards. **Baldwin in Brief:** Has played in 12 games, starting the last two (West Virginia and Connecticut)...had career-high 101 receiving yards on three catches (33.7 avg.) with a 60-yard TD at Navy...had career-high five catches for 81 yards (16.2 avg.) vs. Rutgers...had two catches for 59 yards (29.5 avg.) with a 52-yard TD at USF... caught a 10-yard TD at Notre Dame to convert a 4th-and-6 and tie the score at 24 with 2:22 left, forcing OT. **Career Highs:** *Receptions:* 5 vs. Rutgers (10/25/08); *Receiving Yards:* 101 vs. Navy (10/18/08); *Receiving TDs:* 1 three times, most recent: vs. Notre Dame (11/1/08)

Baldwin's Career Statistics

Receiving	G/GS	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2008	12/2	18	404	22.4	60	3	20*

**one two-pt. conversion catch not included in reception total*

Baldwin Game by Game

2008 Season Game	Rec.	Yds.	TDs
Bowling Green	0	0	0
Buffalo	0	0	0
Iowa	0	0	0
@Syracuse	1	8	0
@USF	2	59	1
@Navy	3	101	1
Rutgers	5	81	0
@Notre Dame	2	31	1
Louisville	2	80	0
@Cincinnati	1	22	0
West Virginia	1	4	0
@Connecticut	1	18	0

Aaron Berry

Defensive Back
5-11 • 175 • JR
Harrisburg, Pa.

#17

2008 Stats: 38 tackles, one sack, two INTs and team-high seven PBUs...76 yards on 14 punt returns (5.4 avg.)...blocked a FG at USF. **Berry in Brief:** All-Big East (second team)...has two INTs, including one that he returned 52 yards vs. Connecticut…also had a pick vs. Rutgers…had career-high nine tackles at Notre Dame with a two-yard TFL...had seven tackles vs. Iowa...had a four-yard sack vs. Buffalo... had season-long punt return of 24 yards vs. Syracuse...matched career-high with three PBUs vs. Louisville. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 9 vs. Notre Dame (11/1/08); *Sacks:* 1 vs. Michigan State (9/15/07) and Buffalo (9/6/08); *Interceptions:* 1 four times, most recent: vs. Connecticut (12/6/08); *Punt Returns:* 6 vs. Syracuse (11/3/07); *Punt Return Yardage:* 106 vs. Syracuse (11/3/07); *Punt Return TDs:* 0

Berry's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2006	12/0	0.0	0	2	0	1	1	0-0	2
2007	12/9	1.0	0	5	2	13	6	1.0-4	19
2008	12/12	1.0	0	7	2	29	9	2.5-7	38
TOTAL	**36/21**	**2.0**	**0**	**14**	**4**	**43**	**16**	**3.5-11**	**59**

Berry Game by Game

2008 Season Game	Punt Rtn.	Yds.	TDs
Bowling Green	3	20	0
Buffalo	2	12	0
Iowa	2	-5	0
@Syracuse	2	30	0
@USF	1	15	0
@Navy	3	4	0
Rutgers	1	0	0
@Notre Dame	0	0	0
Louisville	0	0	0
@Cincinnati	0	0	0
West Virginia	0	0	0
@Connecticut	0	0	0

Pat Bostick

Quarterback
6-3 • 220 • SO
Lancaster, Pa.

#19

2008 Stats: 20 of 38 (52.6%) for 233 yards, 1 TD and 4 INT. **Bostick in Brief:** Has played in five games, starting one...start came at Notre Dame, where he threw for 164 yards on 14-of-27 passing with one TD and three INTs...facing 4th-and-6 at the Irish 10, Bostick hit Jonathan Baldwin for a TD on a fade pattern, tying the game at 24 with 2:22 left to ultimately force OT...Pitt would beat

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the Irish, 36-33, in four OTs...played in four other games in relief (Navy, Rutgers, Louisville and UConn)...last year's starting QB as a true frosh for final eight games of season. **Career Highs:** *Passing Yards:* 298 vs. USF (11/24/07); *Completions:* 27 vs. Connecticut (9/22/07); *Attempts:* 41 vs. Connecticut (9/22/07); *Pass TDs:* 2 vs. USF (11/24/07); *INTs:* 3 three times, most recent: vs. Notre Dame (11/1/08); *Rushing Yards:* (-3) vs. Navy (10/10/07); *Rushing TDs:* 1 vs. Navy (10/10/07) and West Virginia (12/1/07); *Rushing Attempts:* 5 vs. USF (11/24/07)

Bostick's Career Statistics

Passing	G/GS	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	Int.	TDs	Effic.
2007	10/8	252	155	61.5	1500	13	8	111.67
2008	5/1	38	20	52.6	233	4	1	91.77
TOTAL	**15/9**	**290**	**175**	**60.3**	**1733**	**17**	**9**	**109.06**

Bostick Game by Game

2008 Season

	Pass					Rush		
Game	**Att.**	**Comp.**	**Int.**	**Yds.**	**TDs**	**Att.**	**Yds.**	**TDs**
Bowling Green	DNP							
Buffalo	DNP							
Iowa	DNP							
@Syracuse	DNP							
@USF	DNP							
@Navy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rutgers	11	6	1	69	0	2	-15	0
@Notre Dame	27	14	3	164	1	3	-12	0
Louisville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@Cincinnati	DNP							
West Virginia	DNP							
@Connecticut	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Luke Briggs

Placekicker
*5-9 • 180 • SO**
Midland, Mich.

#24

Briggs in Brief: Second-year walk-on who will letter as a kickoff specialist this year…took over that role for the Buffalo contest and has played in the last 11 games.

Irvan Brown

Defensive Back
*6-0 • 205 • JR**
Brewerton, N.Y.

#20

2008 Stats: Has three tackles. **Brown in Brief:** Reserve free safety who has played in eight games. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 2 vs. Navy (10/18/08); *Interceptions:* 0

Brown's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2006	11/0	0.0	0	0	0	2	0	0-0	2
2007	11/0	0.0	0	0	0	1	1	0-0	2
2008	8/0	0.0	0	0	0	1	2	0-0	3
TOTAL	**30/0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**4**	**3**	**0-0**	**7**

Dave Brytus

Punter
*6-4 • 230 • SR**
McDonald, Pa.

#18

2008 Stats: Averages 40.2 yards on 51 punts...has a season-long punt of 60 yards (Iowa)...has 21 punts downed inside the 20. **Brytus in Brief:** Two-year starting punter at Pitt after transferring from Purdue…played in the 2004 Sun Bowl as a freshman for the Boilermakers (against Arizona State) and earned the game's Most Valuable Special Teams Player honor…among his senior year highlights at Pitt was his performance against Iowa when he averaged a season-best 47.8 yards (on eight punts) and was named Big East Special Teams Player of the Week...made decisive play in the Iowa win when he boomed a 57-yard punt that rolled out at the one-yard line with 2:19 left...Iowa never got beyond its own 16 as Pitt clinched the victory by recovering a fumble with 50 seconds left... placed three of his six punts vs. Louisville inside the 20…averaged 41.5 yards on six punts, including a long of 54 vs. the Cardinals... placed all four of his punts inside the 20 vs. West Virginia, averaging 39 yards (long of 50)…placed four of his seven punts against UConn inside the 20, averaging 36.4 yards. **Career Highs:** *Punts:* 11 vs. Penn State (10/29/05, at Purdue); *Punting Average:* 48.9 vs. Arizona State (Sun Bowl, 12/31/04, at Purdue); *Longest Punt:* 66 vs. Rutgers (11/17/07)

Brytus' Career Statistics

Punting	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
2004*	53	2120	40.0	63	3	9	15	0
2005*	62	2446	39.5	56	2	17	22	0
2007	66	2613	39.6	66	5	24	18	0
2008	51	2049	40.2	60	2	18	21	1
TOTAL	**232**	**9228**	**39.8**	**66**	**12**	**68**	**76**	**1**

** at Purdue*

Brytus Game by Game

2008 Season

Game	Punts	Yds.	Avg.
Bowling Green	5	189	37.8
Buffalo	2	86	43.0
Iowa	8	382	47.8
@Syracuse	2	72	36.0
@USF	3	119	39.7
@Navy	2	75	37.5
Rutgers	2	78	39.0
@Notre Dame	4	147	36.8
Louisville	6	249	41.5
@Cincinnati	6	241	40.2
West Virginia	4	156	39.0
@Connecticut	7	255	36.4

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Nate Byham

Tight End
6-3 • 255 • JR
Franklin, Pa.

#80

2008 Stats: Has 18 catches for 250 yards (13.9 avg.) and one TD. **Byham in Brief:** All-Big East (first team)...has played in each game to date, starting 11...had career-high 69 receiving yards on four catches vs. West Virginia...had career-high five catches (for 52 yards) vs. Bowling Green in season opener…had a 28-yard TD catch vs. Connecticut. **Career Highs:** *Receptions:* 5 vs. Bowling Green (8/30/08); *Receiving Yards:* 69 vs. West Virginia (11/28/08); *Receiving TDs:* 1 three times, most recent: vs. Connecticut (12/6/08)

Byham's Career Statistics

Receiving	G/GS	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2006	11/1	2	34	17.0	23	1	6
2007	11/11	15	210	14.0	50	1	6
2008	12/11	18	250	13.9	34	1	6
TOTAL	**34/23**	**35**	**494**	**14.1**	**50**	**3**	**18**

Byham Game by Game

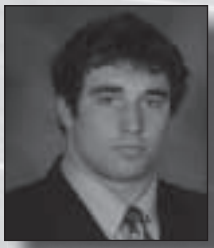
2008 Season Game	Rec.	Yds.	TDs
Bowling Green	5	52	0
Buffalo	3	26	0
Iowa	0	0	0
@Syracuse	0	0	0
@USF	1	24	0
@Navy	0	0	0
Rutgers	1	34	0
@Notre Dame	1	-2	0
Louisville	1	7	0
@Cincinnati	1	12	0
West Virginia	4	69	0
@Connecticut	1	28	1

Dan Cafaro

Defensive Back
*5-10 • 170 • JR**
Upper St. Clair, Pa.

#5

2008 Stats: Two tackles. **Cafaro in Brief:** Second-year walk-on who contributes on special teams covering kicks. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 1 vs. Notre Dame (11/1/08) and West Virginia (11/28/08)



Myles Caragein

Defensive Lineman
*6-2 • 275 • FR**
Pittsburgh, Pa.

#94

2008 Stats: Nine tackles and a TFL assist. **Caragein in Brief:** Has played in 11 games as a reserve DT…had a career-high four tackles at Navy. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 4 vs. Navy (10/18/08)

Caragein's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2008	11/0	0.0	0	0	0	3	6	0.5-1	9

Jovani Chappel

Defensive Back
5-9 • 180 • JR
Dayton, Ohio

#7

2008 Stats: 38 tackles, two INTs and a fumble recovery. **Chappel in Brief:** Has played in 12 games, starting seven at CB...had crucial INT vs. West Virginia that sparked Pitt's fourth-quarter rally from a 15-7 deficit...picked off Pat White and returned it 14 yards to the Pitt 16, setting up a Pitt TD with 8:07 left...also had an INT at UConn…had career-high six tackles at Syracuse and Navy...coaching staff Special Teams Player of the Game for Navy contest...had fumble recovery vs. Louisville. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 6 vs. Syracuse (9/27/08) and Navy (10/18/08); *Interceptions:* 1 vs. West Virginia (11/28/08) and Connecticut (12/6/08)

Chappel's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2006	10/0	0.0	0	0	0	3	4	0-0	7
2007	11/0	0.0	1	0	0	10	7	0-0	17
2008	12/7	0.0	1	1	2	27	11	1.0-3	38
TOTAL	**33/7**	**0.0**	**2**	**1**	**2**	**40**	**22**	**1.0-3**	**62**

Chase Clowser

Offensive Lineman
*6-7 • 330 • SR**
LaGrange, Ohio

#72

Clowser in Brief: Will earn his fourth letter as a reserve offensive tackle and as a member of the field goal/PAT unit.

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Conredge Collins

Fullback
6-0 • 230 • SR
Miami, Fla.

#30

2008 Stats: 85 yards on 21 carries (4.0 avg.)...9 receptions for 77 yards (8.6 avg.). **Collins in Brief:** Third-year starting fullback…had season-high 50 yards on nine carries at Navy (5.6 avg.)...coaching staff Offensive Player of the Game for Iowa contest...converted a 4th-and-2 on Pitt's first TD drive vs. Iowa with a six-yard reception. **Career Highs:** *Rushing Yards:* 52 vs. Navy (10/10/07); *Rushing Attempts:* 9 vs. Navy (10/10/07) and Navy (10/18/08); *Rushing TDs:* 1 vs. Toledo (9/30/06) and Navy (10/10/07); *Receptions:* 5 vs. West Virginia (11/16/06); *Receiving Yards:* 44 vs. West Virginia (11/16/06); *Receiving TDs:* 1 three times, most recent: vs. Connecticut (11/11/06)

Collins' Career Statistics

Rushing	G/GS	Att.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2005	5/0	8	25	3.1	10	0	0
2006	12/7	29	115	4.0	13	1	6
2007	12/9	33	110	3.3	15	1	6
2008	12/5	21	85	4.0	25	0	0
TOTAL	**41/21**	**91**	**335**	**3.7**	**15**	**2**	**12**

Receiving	G/GS	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2005	5/0	1	3	3.0	3	0	0
2006	12/7	20	198	9.9	36	3	18
2007	12/9	7	60	8.6	21	0	0
2008	12/5	9	77	8.6	18	0	0
TOTAL	**41/21**	**37**	**338**	**9.1**	**36**	**3**	**18**

Collins Game by Game

2008 Season						
Game	**Att.**	**Yds.**	**TDs**	**Rec.**	**Yds.**	**TDs**
Bowling Green	1	7	0	0	0	0
Buffalo	0	0	0	0	0	0
Iowa	2	4	0	1	6	0
@Syracuse	0	0	0	0	0	0
@USF	1	5	0	4	25	0
@Navy	9	50	0	1	8	0
Rutgers	0	0	0	2	26	0
@Notre Dame	1	4	0	0	0	0
Louisville	3	1	0	0	0	0
@Cincinnati	0	0	0	1	12	0
West Virginia	3	17	0	0	0	0
@Connecticut	1	-3	0	0	0	0

C.J. Davis

Offensive Lineman
6-3 • 310 • SR
Imperial, Pa.

#55

Davis in Brief: All-Big East (first team)...started at LG first seven games before moving to starting center role the last five...moved to center in second half vs. Rutgers after Robb Houser was lost to injury...has made 42 consecutive starts dating back to 2005...threw key block on LeSean McCoy's 27-yard TD run vs. Iowa in fourth quarter that proved to be the winning points in the 21-20 victory...coaching staff Offensive Co-Player of Game vs. Navy.

Dom DeCicco

Defensive Back
6-3 • 220 • SO
Jefferson Hills, Pa.

#31

2008 Stats: 49 tackles and team-high four INTs. **DeCicco in Brief:** Has played in 12 games, starting 10 at strong safety...had career-high 13 tackles with an INT at Connecticut…had six stops and an INT vs. West Virginia...also had picks at USF and Navy. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 13 vs. Connecticut (12/6/08); *Interceptions:* 1 four times, most recent: vs. Connecticut (12/6/08)

DeCicco's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2007	10/0	0.0	0	0	0	4	2	0-0	6
2008	12/10	0.0	0	6	4	33	16	0-0	49
TOTAL	**22/10**	**0.0**	**0**	**6**	**4**	**37**	**18**	**0-0**	**55**

Steve Dell

Linebacker
*6-1 • 235 • JR**
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

#6

2008 Stats: Has six tackles. **Dell in Brief:** Has played in 12 games on special teams and as a reserve linebacker…had two stops vs. Navy and Louisville. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 5 vs. The Citadel (9/23/06)

Dell's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2006	9/0	0.0	0	0	0	7	2	0.5-1	9
2007	8/0	0.0	0	0	0	1	1	0-0	2
2008	12/0	0.0	0	0	0	3	3	0-0	6
TOTAL	**29/0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**11**	**6**	**0.5-1**	**17**

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Dorin Dickerson

Tight End
6-2 • 230 • JR
Imperial, Pa.

#2

2008 Stats: 11 catches for 137 yards (12.5 avg.) and two TDs...has two rushes for 25 yards (12.5 avg.). **Dickerson in Brief:** Has played in 12 games, starting two...caught the first TD of his career on a two-yarder vs. Syracuse...had a 41-yard TD catch at Cincinnati. **Career Highs:** *Receptions:* 2 vs. Bowling Green (8/30/08) and Syracuse (9/27/08); *Receiving Yards:* 41 vs. Cincinnati (11/22/08); *Receiving TDs:* 1 vs. Syracuse (9/27/08) and Cincinnati (11/22/08); *Rushing Yards:* 16 vs. USF (10/2/08); *Rushing Attempts:* 1 five times, most recent: vs. USF (10/2/08); *Rushing TDs:* 1 vs. Toledo (9/30/06)

Dickerson's Career Statistics

Receiving	G/GS	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2006	8/0	1	5	5.0	5	0	0
2007	12/0	0	0	—	—	0	0
2008	12/2	11	137	12.5	41	2	12
TOTAL	**32/2**	**12**	**142**	**11.8**	**41**	**2**	**12**

Rushing	G/GS	Att.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2006	8/0	3	25	8.3	14	1	6
2007	12/0	0	0	—	—	0	0
2008	12/2	2	25	12.5	16	0	0
TOTAL	**32/2**	**5**	**50**	**10.0**	**16**	**1**	**6**

Dickerson Game by Game

2008 Season Game	Rec.	Yds.	TDs
Bowling Green	2	23	0
Buffalo	1	7	0
Iowa	1	18	0
@Syracuse	2	11	1
@USF	0	0	0
@Navy	1	16	0
Rutgers	1	8	0
@Notre Dame	1	2	0
Louisville	1	11	0
@Cincinnati	1	41	0
West Virginia	0	0	0
@Connecticut	0	0	0

Rashaad Duncan

Defensive Lineman
6-2 • 295 • SR
Belle Glade, Fla.

#50

2008 Stats: 52 tackles, 5.5 TFLs and 1.5 sacks. **Duncan in Brief:** Started each game at NT...had season-high seven stops at Navy and was coaching staff Defensive Player of Game...had six stops with two TFLs at Cincinnati...had six tackles vs. Louisville, including a big stop for no gain on 4th-and-1 in the final period that halted a drive at the Pitt 40 and protected a 20-7 lead...coaching staff Defensive Player of Game for Louisville contest...had five tackles vs. West Virginia, continually plugging up running lanes, and again earned the coaching staff's Player of the Game award...had eight-yard sack at USF. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 8 vs. West Virginia (11/16/06); *Sacks:* 2 vs. Michigan State (9/15/07)

Duncan's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2005	11/2	0.0	0	1	0	5	10	1.0-2	15
2006	12/9	2.0	2	0	0	26	9	3.5-11	35
2007	12/11	2.0	0	1	0	23	17	7.0-24	40
2008	12/12	1.5	0	1	0	31	21	5.5-19	52
TOTAL	**47/34**	**5.5**	**2**	**3**	**0**	**85**	**57**	**17.0-56**	**142**

Mark Estermyer

Long Snapper
*6-2 • 245 • SR**
Chippewa, Pa.

#59

2008 Stats: Three tackles. **Estermyer in Brief:** Will earn fourth letter as a long snapper at Pitt…handles both punt and field goal/PAT snapping. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 2 vs. Iowa (9/20/08)

Elijah Fields

Defensive Back
*6-2 • 220 • SO**
Duquesne, Pa.

#4

2008 Stats: 18 tackles. **Fields in Brief:** Has played in 11 games, starting two at strong safety...Sept. 20 Iowa game marked his first career start...had career-high five tackles at Cincinnati...had four stops vs. Iowa and Louisville. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 5 vs. Cincinnati (11/25/08)

Fields' Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2006	8/0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0
2008	11/2	0.0	0	1	0	13	5	0.5-1	18
TOTAL	**19/2**	**0.0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**13**	**5**	**0.5-1**	**18**

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Ricky Gary

Defensive Back
*5-9 • 175 • SO**
Pahokee, Fla.

#26

2008 Stats: 12 tackles and four PBUs...one fumble recovery (for three-yard TD vs. Louisville). **Gary in Brief:** Has played in 12 games, starting the last five...has eight career starts (three last year)...had career-high four tackles, plus his first career TD on a three-yard fumble return vs. Louisville when he alertly picked up a dropped lateral. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 4 vs. Louisville (11/8/08); *Interceptions:* 1 vs. Eastern Michigan (9/1/07)

Gary's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2007	12/3	0.0	0	0	1	4	0	0-0	4
2008	12/5	0.0	1	4	0	9	3	0-0	12
TOTAL	**24/8**	**0.0**	**1**	**4**	**1**	**13**	**3**	**0-0**	**16**

Max Gruder

Linebacker
*6-2 • 235 • FR**
Charlotte, N.C.

#49

2008 Stats: Five tackles. **Gruder in Brief:** Has played in 12 games as a reserve linebacker and special teams performer…had a personal-best two tackles vs. Rutgers. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 2 vs. Rutgers (10/25/08); *Sacks:* 0

Gruder's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2008	12/0	0.0	0	0	0	2	3	0-0	5

Adam Gunn

Linebacker
*6-2 • 230 • SR**
Vandergrift, Pa.

#8

Gunn in Brief: Returning senior starter at Sam linebacker who was limited to one game due to a season-ending neck injury in the opener vs. Bowling Green…had four tackles and a forced fumble vs. BGSU before his injury. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 8 vs. Rutgers (11/17/07); *Sacks:* 1 vs. Syracuse (11/3/07)

Gunn's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2005	11/0	0.0	0	0	0	5	3	0-0	8
2006	12/0	0.0	0	0	0	9	4	0-0	13
2007	12/12	1.5	1	2	0	31	28	6.0-18	59
2008	1/1	0.0	0	0	0	2	2	0-0	4
TOTAL	**36/13**	**1.5**	**1**	**2**	**0**	**47**	**37**	**6.0-18**	**84**

Justin Hargrove

Defensive Lineman
*6-3 • 250 • FR**
Pittsburgh, Pa.

#96

2008 Stats: 1 tackle. **Hargrove in Brief:** Has earned increased playing time as a reserve defensive end behind Jabaal Sheard…has played in five games…had one tackle vs. West Virginia. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 1 vs. West Virginia (11/28/08); *Sacks:* 0

Shariff Harris

Running Back
*6-1 • 215 • FR**
Newark, N.J.

#43

2008 Stats: 21 yards on 12 carries. **Harris in Brief:** Has played in 12 games, primarily on special teams…has also seen late game action at tailback. **Career Highs:** *Rushing Yards:* 12 vs. Connecticut (12/6/08); *Rushing Attempts:* 6 vs. Connecticut (12/6/08); *Rushing TDs:* 0

Harris' Career Statistics

Rushing	G/GS	Att.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2008	12/0	12	21	1.8	4	0	0

Robb Houser

Offensive Lineman
6-2 • 285 • JR
Chico, Calif.

#64

Houser in Brief: First-year JUCO transfer who started the season's first seven games at center before suffering a season-ending ankle fracture.

Andrew Janocko

Quarterback
*6-1 • 200 • FR**
Clearfield, Pa.

#4

Janocko in Brief: Walk-on quarterback who will letter this year, playing in all 12 games as Pitt's primary holder…lone pass attempt of the year was an incompletion vs. Rutgers.

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Brian Kaiser

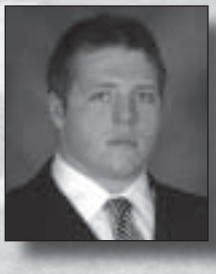
Linebacker
*6-0 • 215 • JR**
Hightstown, N.J.

#16

2008 Stats: 11 tackles. **Kaiser in Brief:** Special teams staple who has played in all 12 games and will letter for the second consecutive year. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 2 vs. West Virginia (11/28/08)

Kaiser's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2006	1/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0
2007	11/0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0-0	3
2008	12/0	0	0	0	0	7	4	0-0	11
TOTAL	**24/0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**7**	**7**	**0-0**	**14**



Alex Karabin

Offensive Lineman
*6-1 • 290 • SO**
Ruffs Dale, Pa.

#53

Karabin in Brief: Reserve center who will letter as a member of the field goal/PAT units this year…has played in all 12 games.

Derek Kinder

Wide Receiver
*6-1 • 210 • SR**
Albion, N.Y.

#81

2008 Stats: 35 catches for 410 yards (11.7 avg.) and three TDs. **Kinder in Brief:** Team's leading receiver who has played in all 12 games, starting 11…made a healthy return after missing all of last season due to a preseason ACL tear (right)...posted season highs in receptions (eight) and receiving yards (92) vs. Syracuse...had four catches for 87 yards at Connecticut, including a 61-yard TD catch…also had TD catches vs. West Virginia (30 yards) and Bowling Green (four yards). **Career Highs:** *Receptions:* 11 vs. Louisville (11/25/06); *Receiving Yards:* 172 vs. Cincinnati (9/8/06); *Receiving TDs:* 2 vs. Cincinnati (9/8/06)

Kinder's Career Statistics

Receiving	G/GS	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2004	9/0	1	3	3.0	3	1	6
2005	11/8	37	374	10.1	24	3	18
2006	12/12	57	847	14.9	80	6	36
2008	12/11	35	410	11.7	61	3	18
TOTAL	**44/31**	**130**	**1634**	**12.6**	**80**	**13**	**78**

Kinder Game by Game

2008 Season Game	Rec.	Yds.	TDs
Bowling Green	6	47	1
Buffalo	3	30	0
Iowa	2	28	0
@Syracuse	8	92	0
@USF	0	0	0
@Navy	2	23	0
Rutgers	2	27	0
@Notre Dame	2	10	0
Louisville	4	30	0
@Cincinnati	1	6	0
West Virginia	1	30	1
@Connecticut	4	87	1

Frank Kochin

Offensive Lineman
*6-4 • 275 • SR**
Pittsburgh, Pa.

#47

Kochin in Brief: Will earn his third letter as a special teams contributor this year…played in all 12 games as a member of the field goal/PAT units.

Conor Lee

Placekicker
*5-11 • 200 • SR**
Upper St. Clair, Pa.

#37

2008 Stats: First-team All-Big East kicker ranks fifth nationally in field goals/game (tied, 1.67)...leads Big East in field goals/game, field goal percentage (20-23, 87.0%), PAT percentage (tied, 100%, 38-38) and kick scoring (8.2 points/game)...third in overall scoring in the Big East...has never missed a PAT, converting a school-record 113 consecutive...Pitt's career leader with 50 field goals...263 career points rank third all-time at Pitt...Lee needs just six points to become the all-time leading kick scorer in Pitt history (Carson Long, 1973-76, is first in kick scoring and second overall with 268 points)…Lee's 98 points this year are one shy of Pitt's single-season kick scoring record (Long had 99 in 1976)…Lee's 20 field goals are a single-season record, eclipsing Long's mark of 18 set in 1976. **Lee in Brief:** Had record-breaking performance in 36-33 four-OT win at Notre Dame and was named Big East Special Teams Player of the Week...was perfect on eight placements, including 5-of-5 FGs and 3-of-3 PATs…22-yarder in fourth OT provided game-winning points…set three Pitt records in the process, including single-game kick scoring (18), single-game field goals made (five) and career field goals…the single-game records dated back to 1975 and were held by Carson Long (17 points and four field goals, both vs. William & Mary)…Lee also surpassed Long's school mark for career

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field goals (Long had 45 from 1973-76; Lee now has 50)...named Big East Special Teams Player of the Week and a Lou Groza Award "Star of the Week" after he accounted for 14 points and tied the previous school record with four field goals (40, 43, 44 and 25 yards) to lift Pitt past Syracuse, 34-24. **Career Highs:** *Field Goals Made:* 5 vs. Notre Dame (11/1/08); *Points:* 18 vs. Notre Dame (11/1/08); *Longest Field Goal:* 48 vs. West Virginia (12/1/07)

Lee's Career Statistics

Kicking	G	PAT Att.	PATs	FG Att.	FGs	Long	Pts.
2006	12	47	47	14	12	47	83
2007	12	28	28	22	18	48	82
2008	12	38	38	23	20	44	98
TOTAL	**36**	**113**	**113**	**59**	**50**	**48**	**263**

Lee's Field Goal Efficiency

Year	FGM-FGA	Pct.	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Lg	Blk
2006	12-14	85.7	0-1	2-3	6-6	4-4	0-0	47	0
2007	18-22	81.8	1-1	7-7	7-9	3-5	0-0	48	0
2008	20-23	87.0	1-1	7-7	6-6	6-9	0-0	44	0
TOTAL	**50-59**	**84.7**	**2-3**	**16-17**	**19-21**	**13-18**	**0-0**	**48**	**0**

Lee Game by Game

2008 Season Game	FG Missed	FG Made
Bowling Green	42	36
Buffalo	none	21, 42
Iowa	none	none
@Syracuse	none	40, 43, 44, 25
@USF	none	35, 31
@Navy	none	none
Rutgers	45	43, 40
@Notre Dame	none	35, 22, 32, 26, 22
Louisville	none	30, 19
@Cincinnati	none	none
West Virginia	40	none
@Connecticut	none	21, 21

Brandon Lindsey

Linebacker
*6-2 • 230 • FR**
Aliquippa, Pa.

#35

Lindsey in Brief: Reserve linebacker and special teams contributor who has played in seven games this year.

John Malecki

Offensive Lineman
6-3 • 280 • JR
Murrysville, Pa.

#74

Malecki in Brief: Has started each game at right guard in his first year on offense...previously lettered at defensive tackle in 2006 and 2007… coaching staff Offensive Player of the Game for Louisville contest.

LeSean McCoy

Running Back
5-11 • 210 • SO
Harrisburg, Pa.

#25

2008 Stats: Leads nation in scoring (tied, 10.50 points/game) and 10th-leading rusher (116.92 yards/game)...notched his second straight 1,000-yard rushing season...one of only three players in Pitt history to achieve multiple 1,000-yard rushing seasons (Tony Dorsett, 1973-76; Curvin Richards, 1988-89)...in 12 games has 1,403 rush yards on 284 attempts (4.9 avg.) and 21 TDs…has 31 receptions for 299 yards (9.6 avg.). **McCoy in Brief:** Unanimous first team All-Big East...voted Big East Offensive Player of the Year by a league media panel...Rivals.com All-American (second team)...semifinalist for Maxwell Award and Doak Walker Award...first nationally among active career leaders in rushing yards/game (113.79 avg., 24 games) and second in career points/game (9.0 ppg., 36 TDs)...with 36 career touchdowns (35 rushing), McCoy eclipsed receiver Larry Fitzgerald's Pitt record for most TDs as a freshman and sophomore (Fitzgerald had 34 from 2002-03)…McCoy already holds the Pitt record for most rushing TDs as a freshman and sophomore (35), surpassing Tony Dorsett (24 from 1973-74)...McCoy has six 100-yard rushing games this year...most recent came vs. West Virginia when he had a career-high 183 yards on 33 carries (5.5 avg.) and scored two TDs in the final eight minutes to lead Pitt to a come-from-behind 19-15 victory…on the game-winning drive, McCoy accounted for 55 of the 59 yards covered…he capped the march with a one-yard plunge with 52 seconds left…just over seven minutes prior, McCoy had a five-yard scoring run to pull the Panthers to within 15-13…Big East Player of the Week for his WVU performance...at Notre Dame had 169 yards on 32 carries (5.3 avg.) with one TD... had 146 yards and career-high four TDs on 26 carries (5.6 avg.) vs. Rutgers...TDs covered 33 yards, 22, 1 and 1...rushed for 156 yards with three TDs on just 18 carries (8.7 avg.) at Navy…compiled 202 all-purpose yards in just three quarters of work vs. Navy, adding 46 receiving yards on two catches...facing a USF defense that had only been yielding 58 rushing yards per game, McCoy ran for 142 yards and two touchdowns to lead Pitt to a 26-21 upset of the No. 10 Bulls...averaged 5.1 yards on 28 carries...his TDs covered six and three yards, the latter providing the winning points with 4:43 left in the game...McCoy figured prominently in the winning drive – he set up his own winning TD run with a 19-yard burst through the USF defense to put Pitt at the Bulls 3...was named Big East Offensive Player of the Week for his USF performance…had 149 rushing yards vs. Syracuse on 28 carries (5.3 avg.)...had three rushing TDs vs. Buffalo...27-yard TD run in the fourth quarter provided winning points vs. Iowa. **Career Highs:** *Rushing Yards:* 183 vs. West Virginia (11/28/08); *Rushing Attempts:* 38 vs. West Virginia (12/1/07); *Rushing TDs:* 4 vs. Rutgers (10/25/08); *Receptions:* 6 three times, *most recent:* vs. Cincinnati (11/22/08); *Receiving Yards:* 83 vs. USF (11/24/07); *Receiving TDs:* 1 vs. Louisville (10/27/07)

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McCoy's Career Statistics

Rushing	G/GS	Att.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2007	12/9	276	1328	4.8	64	14	84
2008	12/12	284	1403	4.9	58	21	126
TOTAL	**24/21**	**560**	**2731**	**4.9**	**64**	**35**	**210**

Receiving	G/GS	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2007	12/9	33	244	7.4	45	1	6
2008	12/12	31	299	9.6	34	0	0
TOTAL	**24/21**	**64**	**543**	**8.5**	**45**	**1**	**6**

McCoy Game by Game

2008 Season Game	Att.	Yds.	TDs	Rec.	Yds.	TDs
Bowling Green	23	71	1	5	45	0
Buffalo	20	93	3	1	24	0
Iowa	18	78	1	2	33	0
@Syracuse	28	149	0	1	1	0
@USF	28	142	2	3	23	0
@Navy	18	156	3	2	46	0
Rutgers	26	146	4	3	34	0
@Notre Dame	32	169	1	2	23	0
Louisville	17	39	1	1	5	0
@Cincinnati	17	82	2	6	45	0
West Virginia	33	183	2	2	17	0
@Connecticut	24	95	1	3	3	0

Cedric McGee

Wide Receiver
*6-1 • 205 • JR**
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

#1

2008 Stats: 22 catches for 190 receiving yards (8.6 avg.). **McGee in Brief:** Has played in 12 games, starting five...coaching staff Offensive Player of the Game for Buffalo contest...had three catches for 28 yards, including a spectacular one-handed catch for 10 yards that converted a 3rd-and-4 in the fourth quarter and led to a TD... coaching staff Special Teams Player of the Game for West Virginia contest. **Career Highs:** *Receptions:* 4 vs. Syracuse (10/7/06); *Receiving Yards:* 43 vs. Syracuse (10/7/06); *Receiving TDs:* 0

McGee's Career Statistics

Receiving	G/GS	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2006	11/0	6	56	9.3	21	0	0
2007	10/2	8	49	6.1	17	0	0
2008	12/5	22	190	8.6	17	0	0
TOTAL	**33/7**	**36**	**295**	**8.2**	**21**	**0**	**0**

McGee Game by Game

2008 Season Game	Rec.	Yds.	TDs
Bowling Green	6	55	0
Buffalo	3	28	0
Iowa	2	12	0
@Syracuse	1	13	0
@USF	1	4	0
@Navy	2	13	0
Rutgers	2	13	0
@Notre Dame	1	4	0
Louisville	1	12	0
@Cincinnati	3	36	0
West Virginia	0	0	0
@Connecticut	0	0	0

Scott McKillop

Linebacker
*6-2 • 240 • SR**
Export, Pa.

#40

2008 Stats: Ranks second nationally in solo stops (tied, 6.50 solos/game), 11th in total tackles (tied, 10.50 tackles/game) and 20th in tackles for loss (tied, 1.38 TFLs/game)…leads the Big East in each of those categories…stat totals for the year include 126 tackles, 16.5 TFLs, four sacks and one INT (returned 18 yards for TD vs. Louisville). **McKillop in Brief:** Football Writers All-American...Walter Camp All-American (second team)...Big East Defensive Player of the Year and unanimous first team All-Big East…semifinalist for the Chuck Bednarik Award and Lott Trophy...named the Walter Camp National Defensive Player of the Week, FWAA/Bronko Nagurski Player of the Week and The Lott Trophy IMPACT Player of the Week for his performance in Pitt's 26-21 victory at USF (Oct. 2)…collected a team-high 12 tackles – all solo – and had two quarterback sacks, three TFLs and snuffed out a fake field goal against the Bulls…his performance helped limit USF's offense to just 245 yards – 219 below its average…four-time Big East Defensive Player of the Week, including his performances vs. West Virginia, USF, Iowa and Buffalo…had a team-high seven stops and continually stuffed the line vs. WVU (Nov. 28), holding the dangerous Mountaineer rushing attack 74 yards below its average...in Pitt's 21-20 victory over Iowa (Sept. 20) he collected a game-high 10 tackles, was in on three TFLs and had a quarterback sack...also honored for his performance in 27-16 win over Buffalo (Sept. 6) when he had 15 tackles, two QB hurries, one PBU and a TFL...had a season-high 17 tackles vs. Cincinnati, including two TFLs...had 15 tackles with two TFLs at Notre Dame…had 13 stops with two TFLs at Connecticut. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 18 vs. USF (11/24/07); *Sacks:* 2 vs. USF (10/2/08); *Interceptions:* 1 vs. Rutgers (11/17/07) and Louisville (18-yd. TD) (11/8/08)

McKillop's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2005	11/0	0.0	0	0	0	13	14	0-0	27
2006	12/0	1.0	0	1	0	18	11	2.0-7	29
2007	12/12	3.0	2	7	1	98	53	9.0-31	151
2008	12/12	4.0	0	4	1	78	48	16.5-58	126
TOTAL	**47/24**	**8.0**	**2**	**12**	**2**	**207**	**126**	**27.5-96**	**333**

Shane Murray

Linebacker
*6-1 • 220 • JR**
Pittsburgh, Pa.

#15

Murray in Brief: A returning starter at Will linebacker who was limited to one game this year (Syracuse) due to a preseason knee injury that eventually resulted in surgery. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 10 vs. Navy (10/10/07); *Sacks:* 3 three times, most recent: vs. USF (11/24/07); *Interceptions:* 0

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Murray's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2006	11/0	0.0	0	0	0	2	3	0-0	5
2007	12/12	3.0	0	1	0	38	22	4.0-23	60
2008	1/0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0
TOTAL	**24/12**	**3.0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**40**	**25**	**4.0-23**	**65**

Gus Mustakas

Defensive Lineman
*6-3 • 280 • JR**
Cooper City, Fla.

#93

2008 Stats: 14 tackles, two TFLs, one sack and a fumble recovery. **Mustakas in Brief:** Played in 12 games, starting three...had season-high four stops with one TFL and a fumble recovery vs. Navy... had eight-yard sack vs. Buffalo...missed all but two games last year with left ACL tear. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 5 vs. Eastern Michigan (9/1/07); *Sacks:* 1 four times, most recent: vs. Buffalo (9/6/08); *Interceptions:* 1 vs. Toledo (9/30/06) (9-yd. TD)

Mustakas' Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2005	11/0	3.0	0	3	0	5	2	2.0-9	7
2006	12/12	0.0	1	0	1	15	9	1.5-3	24
2007	2/2	0.0	0	0	0	4	7	2.0-5	11
2008	12/3	1.0	1	1	0	9	5	2.0-11	14
TOTAL	**37/17**	**4.0**	**2**	**4**	**1**	**33**	**23**	**7.5-28**	**56**

Nate Nix

Linebacker
*6-3 • 235 • SO**
Jefferson Hills, Pa.

#44

2008 Stats: 14 tackles and one fumble recovery. **Nix in Brief:** Has played in all 12 games in special teams capacities and also has served as a reserve Sam linebacker…twice had a season-high three tackles (Syracuse and Connecticut)…had a fumble recovery at Cincinnati. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 3 vs. Syracuse (9/27/08) and Connecticut (12/6/08)

Nix's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2007	9/0	0.0	0	0	0	1	3	0-0	4
2008	12/0	0.0	1	0	0	8	6	0-0	14
TOTAL	**21/0**	**0.0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**9**	**9**	**0-0**	**18**

John Pelusi

Tight End
*6-3 • 260 • JR**
Pittsburgh, Pa.

#83

2008 Stats: Five catches for 37 yards. **Pelusi in Brief:** Has played in all 12 games, starting four…twice had season-high two catches (vs. Notre Dame and Louisville)…had season-high 24 receiving yards (on two catches) vs. Louisville. **Career Highs:** *Receptions:* 3 vs. Eastern Michigan (9/1/07); *Receiving Yards:* 26 vs. Navy (10/10/07); *Receiving TDs:* 0

Pelusi's Career Statistics

Receiving	G/GS	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2005	11/0	0	0	—	—	0	0
2007	8/3	5	46	9.2	15	0	0
2008	12/4	5	37	7.4	15	0	0
TOTAL	**31/7**	**10**	**83**	**8.3**	**15**	**0**	**0**

Pelusi Game by Game

2008 Season Game	Rec.	Yds.	TDs
Bowling Green	0	0	0
Buffalo	0	0	0
Iowa	0	0	0
@Syracuse	0	0	0
@USF	0	0	0
@Navy	1	6	0
Rutgers	0	0	0
@Notre Dame	2	7	0
Louisville	2	24	0
@Cincinnati	0	0	0
West Virginia	0	0	0
@Connecticut	0	0	0

Jason Pinkston

Offensive Lineman
*6-4 • 300 • SO**
Pittsburgh, Pa.

#77

Pinkston in Brief: Starter each game at LT...returned to active duty after taking a medical redshirt last year (appearing in only three games) due to a left shoulder injury.

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T.J. Porter

Wide Receiver
6-1 • 195 • JR
Pahokee, Fla.

#9

2008 Stats: 24 catches for 352 receiving yards (14.7 avg.)...averages 9.8 yards on 10 punt returns (98 yards total). **Porter in Brief:** Has played in 12 games...had career-high 109 receiving yards on four catches (27.3 avg.) vs. Rutgers, including a career-long 64-yard catch...had season-high six catches (for 57 yards) vs. Buffalo...became Pitt's starting punt returner for Nov. 1 Notre Dame game...had season-long 32-yard return at UConn…had 18-yard return vs. West Virginia that set up Pitt's game-winning 59-yard TD drive. **Career Highs:** *Receptions:* 7 vs. Cincinnati (10/20/07) and USF (11/24/07); *Receiving Yards:* 109 vs. Rutgers (10/25/08); *Receiving TDs:* 0; *Punt Returns:* 3 vs. Louisville (11/8/08) and West Virginia (11/28/08); *Punt Return Yards:* 33 vs. Louisville (11/8/08); *Punt Return TDs:* 0

Porter's Career Statistics

Receiving	G/GS	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2006	10/0	3	18	6.0	10	0	0
2007	12/5	37	329	8.9	34	0	2*
2008	12/0	24	352	14.7	64	0	0
TOTAL	**34/5**	**64**	**699**	**10.9**	**64**	**0**	**2**

**one two-pt. conversion catch not included in reception total*

Punt Returns	Punt Ret.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2006	0	(-2)	0.0	0	0	0
2007	2	33	16.5	22	0	0
2008	10	98	9.8	32	0	0
TOTAL	**12**	**129**	**10.8**	**32**	**0**	**0**

Porter Game by Game

2008 Season

Game	Rec.	Yds.	TDs	Punt Rtn.	Yds.	Avg.
Bowling Green	0	0	0	0	0	0
Buffalo	6	57	0	0	0	0
Iowa	1	13	0	0	0	0
@Syracuse	0	0	0	0	0	0
@USF	0	0	0	0	0	0
@Navy	3	42	0	0	0	0
Rutgers	4	109	0	0	0	0
@Notre Dame	1	37	0	2	11	0
Louisville	3	35	0	3	33	0
@Cincinnati	3	34	0	0	0	0
West Virginia	2	20	0	3	22	0
@Connecticut	1	5	0	2	32	0

Austin Ransom

Linebacker
*5-11 • 215 • SR**
Williamsville, N.Y.

#86

2008 Stats: Team's second-leading tackler with 78 stops...also has 6.5 TFLs, three assisted sacks and one INT. **Ransom in Brief:** Former walk-on who earned scholarship last year...elevated into a starting role at Will LB this year with Shane Murray's injury...has started all 12 games...named coaching staff Defensive Player of the Game for the Iowa contest after he collected a then career-high nine stops and a sack assist...set a new career best with 10 tackles at Notre Dame. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 10 vs. Notre Dame (11/1/08); *Sacks:* 0.5 three times, most recent: vs. Louisville (11/8/08); *Interceptions:* 1 vs. Bowling Green (8/30/08)

Ransom's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2005	3/0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0
2006	12/0	0.0	0	0	0	0	3	0-0	3
2007	12/0	0.0	0	0	0	7	4	0-0	11
2008	**12/12**	**1.5**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**39**	**39**	**6.5-17**	**78**
TOTAL	**39/12**	**1.5**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**46**	**46**	**6.5-17**	**92**

Antwuan Reed

Defensive Back
5-10 • 180 • FR
Johnstown, Pa.

#22

2008 Stats: Seven tackles and one forced fumble. **Reed in Brief:** Has played in the final eight contests of the season, primarily in special teams capacities…also is a top reserve at corner…had a career-high three tackles vs. Louisville…had a forced fumble at Cincinnati. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 3 vs. Louisville (11/8/08); *Interceptions:* 0

Reed's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2008	8/0	0.0	0	0	0	6	1	0-0	7

Tristan Roberts

Linebacker
*6-0 • 230 • FR**
Perkasie, Pa.

#32

2008 Stats: Seven tackles. **Roberts in Brief:** Has played in all 12 games as a special teams contributor…also a reserve Will linebacker. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 2 vs. Rutgers (10/25/08) and Connecticut (12/6/08); *Interceptions:* 0

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Roberts' Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2008	12/0	0.0	0	0	0	4	3	0-0	7

Greg Romeus

Defensive Lineman
*6-5 • 265 • SO**
Coral Springs, Fla.

#91

2008 Stats: 47 tackles, 13.5 TFLs, 5.5 sacks, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery...has three blocked PATs (two vs. Rutgers and one vs. Bowling Green). **Romeus in Brief:** All-Big East (second team) selection...started all 12 games…matched career high with eight tackles and had three TFLs and a six-yard sack at Notre Dame...had five tackles and a 10-yard sack at Cincinnati...had four stops and 2.5 TFLs at UConn…had a nine-yard sack at USF...recovered an Iowa fumble with 50 seconds to go to clinch Pitt's 21-20 win...sacked Syracuse QB Cam Dantley, forcing a fumble that was recovered by Jabaal Sheard at the Orange 34 with 8:05 left to set up Pitt's clinching TD in a 34-24 win. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 8 vs. Connecticut (9/22/07) and Notre Dame (11/1/08); *Sacks:* 1 nine times, most recent: vs. Cincinnati (11/22/08)

Romeus' Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2007	12/0	4.0	1	3	0	28	13	11.5-50	41
2008	12/12	5.5	1	3	0	25	22	13.5-61	47
TOTAL	**24/12**	**9.5**	**2**	**6**	**0**	**53**	**35**	**25-111**	**88**

Jabaal Sheard

Defensive Lineman
6-4 • 250 • SO
Hollywood Hills, Fla.

#97

2008 Stats: 42 tackles, 9.0 TFLs, 5.5 sacks, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery...has 10 QB hurries and seven PBUs. **Sheard in Brief:** Has started each game to date...had career-high six tackles at Navy, including a sack and forced fumble that Pitt parlayed into a TD...had five tackles and a five-yard sack vs. Louisville...had five tackles with an eight-yard sack at Syracuse...also recovered a fumble (forced by teammate Greg Romeus) at the SU 34 in the fourth quarter that led to Pitt's clinching TD in the 34-24 win...coaching staff Defensive Player of the Game for Syracuse contest. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 6 vs. Navy (10/18/08); *Sacks:* 1 five times, most recent: vs. Louisville (11/8/08)

Sheard's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2007	9/0	0.0	0	2	0	2	1	0-0	3
2008	12/12	5.5	1	7	0	24	18	9.0-50	42
TOTAL	**21/12**	**5.5**	**1**	**9**	**0**	**26**	**19**	**9.0-50**	**45**

Scott Shrake

Defensive Back
6-2 • 200 • SR
Ingleside, Ill.

#9

Shrake in Brief: First-year senior walk-on who provides depth on special teams.

LaRod Stephens-Howling

Running Back
5-7 • 180 • SR
Johnstown, Pa.

#34

2008 Stats: 283 yards on 70 carries (4.0 avg.) with 5 TDs...493 yards on 23 kick returns (21.4 avg.)...101 receiving yards on 10 catches (10.1 avg.)…also has nine special teams tackles. **Stephens-Howling in Brief:** Has played in 12 games...sparked Syracuse victory with second-half TD runs of nine and three yards, the latter of which came with 3:22 left and clinched the 34-24 victory...rushed for a season-high 71 yards vs. both Bowling Green and Syracuse...coaching staff Offensive Player of the Game for the Syracuse contest...scored two rush TDs at Navy (6 and 9 yards). **Career Highs:** *Rushing Yards:* 221 vs. Syracuse (10/7/06); *Rushing Attempts:* 32 vs. Connecticut (11/11/06); *Rushing TDs:* 3 vs. UCF (10/13/06); *Receptions:* 4 vs. Louisville (11/25/06) and Connecticut (9/22/07); *Receiving Yards:* 49 vs. Louisville (11/25/06); *Receiving TDs:* 1 vs. The Citadel (9/23/06)

Stephens-Howling's Career Statistics

Rushing	G/GS	Att.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2005	9/3	96	434	4.5	41	0	0
2006	11/11	178	893	5.0	70	9	54
2007	11/2	78	320	4.1	30	1	6
2008	12/0	70	283	4.0	27	5	30
TOTAL	**43/16**	**422**	**1930**	**4.6**	**70**	**15**	**90**

Receiving	G/GS	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2005	9/3	9	41	4.6	8	0	0
2006	11/11	19	231	12.2	30	1	6
2007	11/2	13	73	5.6	19	0	0
2008	12/0	10	101	10.1	16	0	0
TOTAL	**43/16**	**51**	**446**	**8.7**	**46**	**1**	**6**

Kickoff Returns	KO Ret.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2005	5	151	30.2	95	1	6
2006	1	31	31.0	31	0	0
2007	5	100	20.0	45	0	0
2008	23	493	21.4	34	0	0
TOTAL	**34**	**775**	**22.8**	**95**	**1**	**6**

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Stephens-Howling Game by Game

2008 Season						
Game	**Att.**	**Yds.**	**TDs**	**Rec.**	**Yds.**	**TDs**
Bowling Green	7	71	0	0	0	0
Buffalo	7	21	0	0	0	0
Iowa	8	26	0	2	19	0
@Syracuse	13	71	2	2	22	0
@USF	9	11	0	3	33	0
@Navy	8	34	2	0	0	0
Rutgers	3	13	0	1	9	0
@Notre Dame	8	23	1	1	14	0
Louisville	2	7	0	0	0	0
@Cincinnati	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Virginia	5	6	0	1	4	0
@Connecticut	0	0	0	0	0	0

Game	**Kick Rtn.**	**Yds.**	**TDs**
Bowling Green	1	18	0
Buffalo	3	66	0
Iowa	3	71	0
@Syracuse	1	22	0
@USF	3	64	0
@Navy	1	34	0
Rutgers	8	152	0
@Notre Dame	3	66	0
Louisville	0	0	0
@Cincinnati	0	0	0
West Virginia	0	0	0
@Connecticut	0	0	0

Stull's Career Statistics

Passing	**G/GS**	**Att.**	**Comp.**	**Pct.**	**Yds.**	**Int.**	**TDs**	**Effic.**
2005	2/0	2	1	50.0	17	0	0	121.40
2006	4/0	8	6	75.0	69	0	1	188.70
2007	1/1	20	14	70.0	177	0	1	160.84
2008	11/11	306	181	59.2	2304	9	9	126.22
TOTAL	**18/12**	**336**	**202**	**60.1**	**2567**	**9**	**11**	**129.74**

Rushing	**G/GS**	**Att.**	**Yards**	**Avg.**	**Long**	**TDs**	**Pts.**
2005	2/0	0	0	—	—	0	0
2006	4/0	4	8	2.0	12	0	0
2007	1/1	3	(-9)	(-3.0)	4	0	0
2008	11/11	32	(-122)	(-3.8)	11	1	6
TOTAL	**18/12**	**39**	**(-123)**	**(-3.2)**	**12**	**1**	**6**

Stull Game by Game

2008 Season								
	Pass					**Rush**		
Game	**Att.**	**Comp.**	**Int.**	**Yds.**	**TDs**	**Att.**	**Yds.**	**TDs**
Bowling Green	51	29	1	264	1	4	-20	0
Buffalo	33	22	1	241	0	3	-12	0
Iowa	25	11	1	129	0	3	7	1
@Syracuse	29	17	0	166	1	1	2	0
@USF	27	16	0	228	1	3	-18	0
@Navy	23	15	2	255	1	2	-3	0
Rutgers	22	16	0	279	0	3	-6	0
@Notre Dame	DNP							
Louisville	27	15	0	216	1	0	0	0
@Cincinnati	28	18	1	229	1	8	-42	0
West Virginia	23	12	2	156	1	2	-13	0
@Connecticut	18	10	1	141	2	3	-17	0

Bill Stull

Quarterback
*6-3 • 215 • JR**
Pittsburgh, Pa.

#11

2008 Stats: 181 of 306 (59.2%) for 2,304 yards, 9 TDs and 9 INTs... ranks third in Big East in passing yards/game (209.5). **Stull in Brief:** Has played in and started 11 games this year, missing the Nov. 1 Notre Dame game due to a concussion/stinger sustained the previous week vs. Rutgers...threw for a career-high 279 yards on 16-of-22 passing vs. Rutgers before leaving the game due to injury in the third quarter...posted career highs in completions (29) and attempts (51) against Bowling Green while throwing for 264 yards...third-highest yardage of season came at Navy, where he threw for 255 yards on 15-of-23 passing with one TD and two INTs...Navy TD pass was a 60-yard bomb to Jonathan Baldwin... was exceptional at USF, hitting 16 of 27 for 228 yards and a 52-yard TD pass to Baldwin...threw for a career-high two TDs at UConn, including a 61-yarder to Derek Kinder and 28 yards to Nate Byham… returned this year from a right thumb injury (throwing hand) that forced him to take a medical redshirt in 2007. **Career Highs:** *Passing Yards:* 279 vs. Rutgers (10/25/08); *Completions:* 29 vs. Bowling Green (8/30/08); *Attempts:* 51 vs. Bowling Green (8/30/08); *Pass TDs:* 2 vs. Connecticut (12/6/08); *Rushing Yards:* 12 vs. UCF (10/13/06); *Rushing TDs:* 1 vs. Iowa (9/20/08); *Rushing Attempts:* 8 vs. Cincinnati (11/22/08)

Andrew Taglianetti

Defensive Back
5-11 • 175 • FR
Bridgeville, Pa.

#41

2008 Stats: Eight tackles, one fumble recovery and three blocked punts. **Taglianetti in Brief:** Has played in all 12 games and has established himself as a special teams demon…has blocked punts against Iowa, Notre Dame and Cincinnati…also is a reserve free safety who sees time in specialized packages. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 2 vs. Iowa (9/20/08) and Notre Dame (11/1/08); *Interceptions:* 0

Taglianetti's Career Statistics

Defense	**G/GS**	**Sacks**	**FR**	**PBU**	**Int.**	**UT**	**AT**	**TFL**	**TOT**
2008	12/0	0.0	1	0	0	6	2	0-0	8

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Eric Thatcher

Defensive Back
*5-9 • 195 • SR**
Cincinnati, Ohio

#28

2008 Stats: 56 tackles, one INT and four PBUs. **Thatcher in Brief:** Has started 24 consecutive games at FS (29 total)...had season-high nine stops vs. Buffalo...iced the Buffalo game with an INT with 1:26 left, halting UB quarterback Drew Willy's national-best streak of 284 passes without a pick...had six stops and a forced fumble at Cincinnati...had four stops, including a two-yard TFL on Pat White at the goal line to force a field goal vs. West Virginia. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 12 vs. Navy (10/10/07); *Sacks:* 1 vs. USF (10/15/05); *Interceptions:* 1 three times, most recent: vs. Buffalo (9/6/08)

Thatcher's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2005	11/0	1.0	0	0	0	11	6	1.0-11	17
2006	5/5	0.0	0	2	1	8	13	0-0	21
2007	12/12	0.0	1	3	1	35	18	0-0	53
2008	12/12	0.0	0	4	1	41	15	1.0-2	56
TOTAL	**40/29**	**1.0**	**1**	**9**	**3**	**95**	**52**	**2.0-13**	**147**

Joe Thomas

Offensive Lineman
6-5 • 300 • JR
Cleveland, Ohio

#56

Thomas in Brief: Started each game at right tackle...starter at right guard the prior two years...owns 26 career starts on the offensive line.

Tyler Tkach

Defensive Lineman
*6-3 • 265 • SO**
Slatington, Pa.

#45

2008 Stats: One tackle. **Tkach in Brief:** Will letter for the second consecutive year as a reserve defensive end…has played in seven games this season. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 4 vs. Grambling (9/8/07); *Sacks:* 1 vs. Grambling (9/8/07)

Tkach's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2007	12/0	1.0	1	0	0	7	3	2.5-11	10
2008	7/0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0	1
TOTAL	**19/0**	**1.0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**7**	**4**	**2.5-11**	**11**

Mike Toerper

Defensive Back
*6-1 • 190 • JR**
York, Pa.

#36

2008 Stats: Five tackles and a blocked punt. **Toerper in Brief:** Has played in all 12 games as a special teams contributor…blocked a punt vs. UConn to set up a field goal. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 2 vs. West Virginia (11/16/06) and Connecticut (12/6/08); *Interceptions:* 0

Toerper's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2006	11/0	0.0	0	0	0	3	2	0-0	5
2007	12/0	0.0	0	0	0	4	2	0-0	6
2008	12/0	0.0	0	0	0	1	4	0-0	5
TOTAL	**35/0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**8**	**8**	**0-0**	**16**

Tony Tucker

Defensive Lineman
*6-2 • 235 • FR**
Bowie, Md.

#90

2008 Stats: Four tackles, one sack and one forced fumble. **Tucker in Brief:** Has played in each game as a chief reserve at DE...helped clinch Iowa victory with a pair of key plays on Iowa's final possession...had a two-yard sack and then, on the next play, forced a fumble that was recovered by teammate Greg Romeus with 50 seconds left. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 2 vs. Iowa (9/20/08); *Sacks:* 1 vs. Iowa (9/20/08)

Tucker's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2008	12/0	1.0	0	0	0	2	2	1.0-2	4

Oderick Turner

Wide Receiver
*6-3 • 205 • JR**
Teaneck, N.J.

#88

2008 Stats: 298 receiving yards on 21 catches (14.2 avg.) and one TD. **Turner in Brief:** Has played in all 12 games, starting eight...twice had season highs of five catches (Bowling Green and Buffalo)...had season-high 69 receiving yards vs. Buffalo...lone TD was a leaping 26-yarder vs. Louisville, putting Pitt ahead, 17-0. **Career Highs:** *Receptions:* 6 three times, most recent: vs. Navy (10/10/07); *Receiving Yards:* 130 vs. The Citadel (9/23/06); *Receiving TDs:* 2 vs. Louisville (11/25/06)

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Turner's Career Statistics

Receiving	G/GS	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2006	12/12	44	660	15.0	72	8	48
2007	12/10	36	496	13.8	61	5	34*
2008	12/8	21	298	14.2	38	1	6
TOTAL	**36/30**	**101**	**1454**	**14.4**	**72**	**14**	**88**

** two 2-pt. conversion catches not included in reception total*

Turner Game by Game

2008 Season

Game	Rec.	Yds.	TDs
Bowling Green	5	42	0
Buffalo	5	69	0
Iowa	0	0	0
@Syracuse	2	19	0
@USF	3	60	0
@Navy	0	0	0
Rutgers	1	7	0
@Notre Dame	2	42	0
Louisville	1	26	1
@Cincinnati	1	21	0
West Virginia	1	12	0
@Connecticut	0	0	0

Dominic Williams

Offensive Lineman
*6-4 • 305 • SR**
Colorado Springs, Colo.

#70

Williams in Brief: Has moved into starting LG role with C.J. Davis' switch to center...has seven career starts on offensive line, including five this year.

Greg Williams

Linebacker
*6-3 • 225 • FR**
Naples, Fla.

#38

2008 Stats: 44 tackles, 5.5 TFLs, 2.5 sacks, two INTs and a blocked FG (at Cincinnati). **Williams in Brief:** First-year starter who stepped into the lineup after senior SLB Adam Gunn was lost for the season due to a neck injury in the season opener...has played in all 12 games, starting the last 11...had season-high eight tackles and 1.5 sacks vs. Iowa…had two INTs at Connecticut, including one returned 20 yards for a TD…he returned his other pick 41 yards to set up a field goal…Williams' UConn performance marked the first multiple INT game for a Panther since the 2004 season (Malcolm Postell vs. USF). **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 8 vs. Iowa (9/20/08); *Sacks:* 1.5 vs. Iowa (9/20/08); *Interceptions:* 2 vs. Connecticut (12/6/08)

Greg Williams' Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2008	12/11	2.5	0	2	2	27	17	5.5-17	44

Mick Williams

Defensive Lineman
*6-1 • 285 • JR**
Monessen, Pa.

#95

2008 Stats: 22 tackles, 7.5 TFLs and 3.5 sacks. **Williams in Brief:** Has played in 11 games, starting eight...missed Oct. 18 Navy game (concussion)...had season-high three tackles vs. West Virginia, Iowa and Bowling Green...had career-high 1.5 sacks vs. Louisville. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 7 vs. Rutgers (11/17/07); *Sacks:* 1.5 vs. Louisville (11/8/08)

Mick Williams' Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2006	3/0	0.0	0	0	0	1	1	0-0	2
2007	12/7	3.0	0	0	0	20	9	8.0-35	29
2008	11/8	3.5	0	4	0	16	6	7.5-46	22
TOTAL	**26/15**	**6.5**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**37**	**16**	**15.5-81**	**53**

Aundre Wright

Wide Receiver
*5-11 • 180 • FR**
Pittsburgh, Pa.

#10

2008 Stats: Averages 21.3 yards on 24 kick returns (511 yards total)… has 34 yards on five rushes (6.8 avg.) with one TD. **Wright in Brief:** Has played in all 12 games as a kick returner and reserve receiver…had 27 yards on two rushes against Louisville with a 20-yard TD on an end-around play. **Career Highs:** *Kick Returns:* 5 vs. Cincinnati (11/22/08); *Kick Return Yards:* 105 vs. Cincinnati (11/22/08); *Kick Return TDs:* 0; *Rushing Attempts:* 2 vs. Louisville (11/8/08); *Rushing Yards:* 27 vs. Louisville (11/8/08); *Rushing TDs:* 1 vs. vs. Louisville (11/8/08)

Wright's Career Statistics

Kickoff Returns	KO Ret.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2008	24	511	21.3	35	0	0

Rushing	G/GS	Att.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2008	12/0	5	34	6.8	20	1	6

Wright Game by Game

2008 Season

Game	Rush Att.	Yds.	TDs	Kick Rtn.	Yds.	TDs
Bowling Green	0	0	0	3	52	0
Buffalo	0	0	0	1	24	0
Iowa	1	14	0	1	25	0
@Syracuse	0	0	0	3	56	0
@USF	0	0	0	0	0	0
@Navy	0	0	0	2	45	0
Rutgers	0	0	0	1	21	0
@Notre Dame	1	-4	0	0	0	0
Louisville	2	27	1	2	41	0
@Cincinnati	0	0	0	5	105	0
West Virginia	1	-3	0	4	101	0
@Connecticut	0	0	0	2	41	0

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Pitt Statistics

Team Statistics	PITT	OPP
SCORING	352	276
Points Per Game	29.3	23.0
FIRST DOWNS	229	202
Rushing	95	89
Passing	114	94
Penalty	20	19
RUSHING YARDAGE	1719	1534
Yards gained rushing	2062	1864
Yards lost rushing	343	330
Rushing Attempts	455	421
Average Per Rush	3.8	3.6
Average Per Game	143.2	127.8
TDs Rushing	29	14
PASSING YARDAGE	2555	2316
Att-Comp-Int	353-204-13	353-194-14
Average Per Pass	7.2	6.6
Average Per Catch	12.5	11.9
Average Per Game	212.9	193.0
TDs Passing	10	19
TOTAL OFFENSE	4274	3850
Total Plays	808	774
Average Per Play	5.3	5.0
Average Per Game	356.2	320.8
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	52-1060	65-1213
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	26-209	18-99
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	14-148	13-319
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	20.4	18.7
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	8.0	5.5
INT RETURN AVERAGE	10.6	24.5
FUMBLES-LOST	21-12	17-7
PENALTIES-Yards	55-425	66-576
Average Per Game	35.4	48.0
PUNTS-Yards	53-2096	62-2479
Average Per Punt	39.5	40.0
Net punt average	36.9	35.0
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	31:32	28:28
3RD-DOWN Conversions	61/166	61/170
3rd-Down Pct	37%	36%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	13/18	7/18
4th-Down Pct	72%	39%
SACKS BY-Yards	28-183	27-154
MISC YARDS	52	-3
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	42	35
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	20-23	12-18
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-1	0-1
RED-ZONE SCORES	41-45 91%	28-33 85%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	27-45 60%	21-33 64%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	38-38 100%	30-34 88%
ATTENDANCE	296113	271254
Games/Avg Per Game	6/49352	6/45209
Neutral Site Games		0/0

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
PITT	79	88	51	122	12	352
Opponents	54	88	78	47	9	276

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Pitt Statistics

Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
McCOY,LeSean	12	284	1481	78	1403	4.9	21	58	116.9
STEPHENS-HOWLING	12	70	305	22	283	4.0	5	27	23.6
COLLINS,Conredge	12	21	93	8	85	4.0	0	25	7.1
WRIGHT,Aundre	12	5	41	7	34	6.8	1	20	2.8
DICKERSON,Dorin	12	2	25	0	25	12.5	0	16	2.1
COLLIER,Kevin	2	4	26	1	25	6.2	0	19	12.5
HARRIS,Shariff	12	12	23	2	21	1.8	0	4	1.8
CROSS,Greg	2	4	25	10	15	3.8	1	17	7.5
KINDER,Derek	12	2	9	0	9	4.5	0	8	0.8
BALDWIN,J.	12	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4	0.3
HYNOSKI,Henry	3	1	3	0	3	3.0	0	3	1.0
PORTER,T.J.	12	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2	0.2
SMITH,Kevan	1	1	0	3	-3	-3.0	0	0	-3.0
McGEE,Cedric	12	1	0	5	-5	-5.0	0	0	-0.4
BOSTICK,Pat	5	5	1	28	-27	-5.4	0	1	-5.4
TEAM	8	9	0	33	-33	-3.7	0	0	-4.1
STULL,Bill	11	32	24	146	-122	-3.8	1	11	-11.1
Total	12	455	2062	343	1719	3.8	29	58	143.2
Opponents	12	421	1864	330	1534	3.6	14	57	127.8

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
STULL,Bill	11	126.22	181-306-9	59.2	2304	9	64	209.5
BOSTICK,Pat	5	91.77	20-38-4	52.6	233	1	37	46.6
SMITH,Kevan	1	44.53	1-3-0	33.3	4	0	4	4.0
TEAM	8	0.00	0-2-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
McCOY,LeSean	12	108.80	1-2-0	50.0	14	0	14	1.2
JANOCKO,Andrew	12	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
BRYTUS,Dave	12	100.00	1-1-0	100.0	0	0	0	0.0
CROSS,Greg	2	0.00	0-0-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	12	120.57	204-353-13	57.8	2555	10	64	212.9
Opponents	12	119.90	194-353-14	55.0	2316	19	79	193.0

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
KINDER,Derek	12	35	410	11.7	3	61	34.2
McCOY,LeSean	12	31	299	9.6	0	34	24.9
PORTER,T.J.	12	24	352	14.7	0	64	29.3
McGEE,Cedric	12	22	190	8.6	0	17	15.8
TURNER,Oderick	12	21	298	14.2	1	38	24.8
BALDWIN,J.	12	18	404	22.4	3	60	33.7
BYHAM,Nate	12	18	250	13.9	1	34	20.8
DICKERSON,Dorin	12	11	137	12.5	2	41	11.4
STEPHENS-HOWLING	12	10	101	10.1	0	16	8.4
COLLINS,Conredge	12	9	77	8.6	0	18	6.4
PELUSI,John	12	5	37	7.4	0	15	3.1
Total	12	204	2555	12.5	10	64	212.9
Opponents	12	194	2316	11.9	19	79	193.0

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
BERRY,Aaron	14	76	5.4	0	24
PORTER,T.J.	10	98	9.8	0	32
TAGLIANETTI,A.	1	22	22.0	0	0
TOERPER,Michael	1	13	13.0	0	0
Total	26	209	8.0	0	32
Opponents	18	99	5.5	1	26

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
DeCICCO,Dom	4	0	0.0	0	0
BERRY,Aaron	2	52	26.0	0	52
WILLIAMS,Greg	2	61	30.5	1	41
CHAPPEL,Jovani	2	17	8.5	0	14
BOKOR,Craig	1	0	0.0	0	0
McKILLOP,Scott	1	18	18.0	1	18
THATCHER,Eric	1	0	0.0	0	0
RANSOM,Austin	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	14	148	10.6	2	52
Opponents	13	319	24.5	0	91

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
WRIGHT,Aundre	24	511	21.3	0	35
STEPHENS-HOWLING	23	493	21.4	0	34
COLLINS,Conredge	2	20	10.0	0	12
TURNER,Oderick	1	9	9.0	0	9
HARRIS,Shariff	1	11	11.0	0	11
McCOY,LeSean	1	16	16.0	0	16
Total	52	1060	20.4	0	35
Opponents	65	1213	18.7	1	90

Fumble Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
GARY,Ricky	1	3	3.0	1	3
Total	1	3	3.0	1	3
Opponents	4	9	2.2	0	6

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Scoring	td	fg	PAT kick	PAT rush	PAT rcv	PAT pass	dxp	saf	pts
McCOY,LeSean	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	126
LEE,Conor	-	20-23	38-38	-	-	-	-	-	98
STEPHENS-HOWLING	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
BALDWIN,J.	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	20
KINDER,Derek	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
DICKERSON,Dorin	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
CROSS,Greg	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
WRIGHT,Aundre	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
STULL,Bill	1	-	-	0-1	-	1-3	-	-	6
BYHAM,Nate	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
McKILLOP,Scott	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
TURNER,Oderick	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
WILLIAMS,Greg	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
GARY,Ricky	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	42	20-23	38-38	0-1	1	1-3	-	-	352
Opponents	35	12-18	30-34	0-1	-	-	-	-	276

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
STULL,Bill	11	338	-122	2304	2182	198.4
McCOY,LeSean	12	286	1403	14	1417	118.1
STEPHENS-HOWLING	12	70	283	0	283	23.6
BOSTICK,Pat	5	43	-27	233	206	41.2
COLLINS,Conredge	12	21	85	0	85	7.1
WRIGHT,Aundre	12	5	34	0	34	2.8
COLLIER,Kevin	2	4	25	0	25	12.5
DICKERSON,Dorin	12	2	25	0	25	2.1
HARRIS,Shariff	12	12	21	0	21	1.8
CROSS,Greg	2	4	15	0	15	7.5
KINDER,Derek	12	2	9	0	9	0.8
BALDWIN,J.	12	1	4	0	4	0.3
HYNOSKI,Henry	3	1	3	0	3	1.0
PORTER,T.J.	12	1	2	0	2	0.2
SMITH,Kevan	1	4	-3	4	1	1.0
McGEE,Cedric	12	1	-5	0	-5	-0.4
TEAM	8	11	-33	0	-33	-4.1
Total	12	808	1719	2555	4274	356.2
Opponents	12	774	1534	2316	3850	320.8

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
LEE,Conor	20-23	87.0	1-1	7-7	6-6	6-9	0-0	44	0

FG Sequence	PITT	Opponents
Bowling Green	(36),42	-
Buffalo	(21),(42)	44,(35)
Iowa	-	(26),35,(39)
Syracuse	(40),(43),(44),(25)	(25)
USF	(35),(31)	42
Navy	-	-
RUTGERS	45,(43),(40)	-
Notre Dame	(35),(22),(32),(26),(22)	(39),(22),(26),(48),38
Louisville	(30),(19)	-
Cincinnati	-	50
West Virginia	40	(20),(26),(40)
Connecticut	(21),(21)	53,(45)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
BRYTUS,Dave	51	2049	40.2	60	2	18	21	6	1
TEAM	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HUTCHINS,Dan	1	47	47.0	47	0	0	0	0	0
Total	53	2096	39.5	60	2	18	21	6	1
Opponents	62	2479	40.0	79	5	16	17	11	4

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
BRIGGS,Luke	65	4020	61.8	2	1			
LEE,Conor	3	181	60.3	0	0			
Total	68	4201	61.8	2	1	18.7	43.4	26
Opponents	54	3256	60.3	2	1	20.4	39.9	30

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All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
McCOY,LeSean	12	1403	299	0	16	0	1718	143.2
STEPHENS-HO	12	283	101	0	493	0	877	73.1
WRIGHT,Aundr	12	34	0	0	511	0	545	45.4
PORTER,T.J.	12	2	352	98	0	0	452	37.7
KINDER,Derek	12	9	410	0	0	0	419	34.9
BALDWIN,J.	12	4	404	0	0	0	408	34.0
TURNER,Oderic	12	0	298	0	9	0	307	25.6
BYHAM,Nate	12	0	250	0	0	0	250	20.8
McGEE,Cedric	12	-5	190	0	0	0	185	15.4
COLLINS,Conre	12	85	77	0	20	0	182	15.2
DICKERSON,Do	12	25	137	0	0	0	162	13.5
BERRY,Aaron	12	0	0	76	0	52	128	10.7
WILLIAMS,Greg	12	0	0	0	0	61	61	5.1
PELUSI,John	12	0	37	0	0	0	37	3.1
HARRIS,Shariff	12	21	0	0	11	0	32	2.7
COLLIER,Kevin	2	25	0	0	0	0	25	12.5
TAGLIANETTI,A	12	0	0	22	0	0	22	1.8
McKILLOP,Scott	12	0	0	0	0	18	18	1.5
CHAPPEL,Jova	12	0	0	0	0	17	17	1.4
CROSS,Greg	2	15	0	0	0	0	15	7.5
TOERPER,Mich	12	0	0	13	0	0	13	1.1
HYNOSKI,Henry	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	1.0
SMITH,Kevan	1	-3	0	0	0	0	-3	-3.0
BOSTICK,Pat	5	-27	0	0	0	0	-27	-5.4
TEAM	8	-33	0	0	0	0	-33	-4.1
STULL,Bill	11	-122	0	0	0	0	-122	-11.1
Total	12	1719	2555	209	1060	148	5691	474.2
Opponents	12	1534	2316	99	1213	319	5481	456.8

Pitt Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	Conference	Time	Attend
08/30/08	BOWLING GREEN	L	17-27	0-1	0-0	3:34	45063
09/06/08	BUFFALO	W	27-16	1-1	0-0	3:05	42494
09/20/08	IOWA	W	21-20	2-1	0-0	3:08	50321
* 09/27/08	at Syracuse	W	34-24	3-1	1-0	3:00	27549
* 10/02/08	at USF	W	26-21	4-1	2-0	3:35	50307
10/18/08	at Navy	W	42-21	5-1	2-0	3:00	37970
* 10/25/08	RUTGERS	L	34-54	5-2	2-1	3:27	51161
11/01/08	at Notre Dame	Wo	36-33	6-2	2-1	4:01	80795
* 11/08/08	LOUISVILLE	W	41-7	7-2	3-1	3:11	44055
* 11/22/08	at Cincinnati	L	21-28	7-3	3-2	3:18	35098
* 11/28/08	WEST VIRGINIA	W	19-15	8-3	4-2	3:11	63019
* 12/06/08	at Connecticut	W	34-10	9-3	5-2	3:10	39535

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			Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
##	Defensive Leaders	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf
40	McKILLOP,Scott	12	78	48	126	16.5-58	4.0-37	1-18	4	5	.	.	.	.
86	RANSOM,Austin	12	39	39	78	6.5-17	1.5-8	1-0	.	4	.	1	.	.
28	THATCHER,Eric	12	41	15	56	1.0-2	.	1-0	4	.	.	1	.	.
50	DUNCAN,Rashaad	12	31	21	52	5.5-19	1.5-11	.	1	2	.	.	.	.
31	DeCICCO,Dom	12	33	16	49	.	.	4-0	6	.	.	.	.	.
91	ROMEUS,Greg	12	25	22	47	13.5-61	5.5-36	.	3	4	1-0	1	3	.
38	WILLIAMS,Greg	12	27	17	44	5.5-17	2.5-9	2-61	2	3	.	.	1	.
97	SHEARD,Jabaal	12	24	18	42	9.0-50	5.5-39	.	7	10	1-0	1	.	.
17	BERRY,Aaron	12	29	9	38	2.5-7	1.0-4	2-52	7	.	.	.	1	.
7	CHAPPEL,Jovani	12	27	11	38	1.0-3	.	2-17	1	1	1-0	.	.	.
95	WILLIAMS,Mick	11	16	6	22	7.5-46	3.5-28	.	4	6	.	.	.	.
4	FIELDS,Elijah	11	13	5	18	0.5-1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
93	MUSTAKAS,Gus	12	9	5	14	2.0-11	1.0-8	.	1	.	1-0	.	.	.
44	NIX,Nate	12	8	6	14	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
26	GARY,Ricky	12	9	3	12	.	.	.	4	.	1-3	.	.	.
16	KAISER,Brian	12	7	4	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	CARAGEIN,Myles	11	3	6	9	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
34	STEPHENS-HOWLING,	12	5	4	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41	TAGLIANETTI,A.	12	6	2	8	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	3	.
22	REED,Antwuan	8	6	1	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
32	ROBERTS,Tristan	12	4	3	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	DELL,Steve	12	3	3	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
49	GRUDER,Max	12	2	3	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
36	TOERPER,Michael	12	1	4	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
90	TUCKER,Tony	12	2	2	4	1.0-2	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
8	GUNN,Adam	1	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	.
59	ESTERMYER,Mark	12	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	BROWN,Irvan	8	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
70	WILLIAMS,Dom	12	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
51	DUHART,Tommie	7	2	1	3	0.5-0	.	.	1	1	.	.	1	.
56	THOMAS,Joe	12	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
74	MALECKI,John	12	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25	McCOY,LeSean	12	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	CAFARO,Dan	10	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	TKACH,Tyler	7	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
83	PELUSI,John	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
57	BOKOR,Craig	3	.	1	1	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.
88	TURNER,Oderick	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
96	HARGROVE,Justin	5	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98	ALECXIH,Chas	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	McGEE,Cedric	12	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Total	12	461	291	752	73-295	28-183	14-148	46	37	7-3	8	10	.
	Opponents	12	495	303	798	75-297	27-154	13-319	38	44	12-9	15	1	.

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		Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	off
08/30/08	BOWLING GREEN	35	129	1	27	29	264	1	18	29-51-1	264	1	18	5	81	0	22	3	20	0	12	393
09/06/08	BUFFALO	31	111	3	18	22	241	0	36	22-34-1	241	0	36	4	90	0	26	2	12	0	8	352
09/20/08	IOWA	37	130	3	27	11	129	0	28	11-25-1	129	0	28	4	96	0	26	2	-5	0	0	259
09/27/08	at Syracuse	46	241	2	34	17	166	1	20	17-29-0	166	1	20	4	78	0	23	2	30	0	24	407
10/02/08	at USF	45	146	2	26	17	228	1	52	17-28-0	228	1	52	3	64	0	23	1	15	0	15	374
10/18/08	at Navy	42	244	5	58	15	255	1	60	15-23-2	255	1	60	4	88	0	34	3	4	0	6	499
10/25/08	RUTGERS	34	138	4	33	22	348	0	64	22-34-1	348	0	64	9	173	0	30	1	0	0	4	486
11/01/08	at Notre Dame	47	178	2	21	15	168	1	37	15-30-3	168	1	37	4	74	0	24	3	33	0	7	346
11/08/08	LOUISVILLE	34	90	2	20	16	230	1	44	16-28-0	230	1	44	2	41	0	26	3	33	0	13	320
11/22/08	at Cincinnati	26	35	2	16	18	229	1	41	18-29-1	229	1	41	5	105	0	29	0	0	0	0	264
11/28/08	WEST VIRGINIA	44	190	2	16	12	156	1	30	12-23-2	156	1	30	5	117	0	35	3	22	0	18	346
12/06/08	at Connecticut	34	87	1	47	10	141	2	61	10-19-1	141	2	61	3	53	0	25	3	45	0	32	228
PITT		455	1719	29	58	204	2555	10	64	204-353-13	2555	10	64	52	1060	0	35	26	209	0	32	4274
		421	1534	14	57	194	2316	19	79	194-353-14	2316	19	79	65	1213	1	90	18	99	1	26	3850

Games played: 12
Avg per rush: 3.8
Avg per catch: 12.5
Pass efficiency: 120.57
Kick ret avg: 20.4
Punt ret avg: 8.0
All purpose avg/game: 474.2
Total offense avg/gm: 356.2

		Tackles				Sacks	Fumble		Pass Defense			Blkd	PAT Attempts				
Date	Opponent	ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	pts
08/30/0	BOWLING GREEN	38	20	58	8.0-28	2.0-20	1	0-0	1-0	9	8	1	2-2	0	0	0	17
09/06/0	BUFFALO	43	18	61	5.0-16	3.0-14	1	0-0	1-0	3	6	1	3-3	0	0	0	27
09/20/0	IOWA	42	30	72	8.0-32	6.0-27	1	1-0	0-0	2	6	1	3-3	0	0	0	21
09/27/0	at Syracuse	30	18	48	3.0-16	2.0-14	1	1-0	0-0	6	1	0	2-2	0	1	0	34
10/02/0	at USF	45	7	52	7.0-47	4.0-41	0	0-0	1-0	0	2	1	2-2	0	0	0	26
10/18/0	at Navy	39	30	69	5.0-13	1.0-4	1	1-0	1-0	0	1	0	6-6	0	0	0	42
10/25/0	RUTGERS	33	18	51	6.0-32	3.0-25	0	0-0	1-0	3	1	2	4-4	0	0	0	34
11/01/0	at Notre Dame	37	44	81	7.0-22	1.0-6	1	0-0	0-0	3	5	1	3-3	0	0	0	36
11/08/0	LOUISVILLE	43	16	59	4.0-20	3.0-19	0	3-3	2-18	4	8	0	5-5	0	0	0	41
11/22/0	at Cincinnati	44	26	70	8.0-25	2.0-12	2	1-0	0-0	0	0	2	3-3	0	0	0	21
11/28/0	WEST VIRGINIA	38	16	54	5.0-19	0.0-0	0	0-0	2-14	7	3	0	1-1	0	0	0	19
12/06/0	at Connecticut	29	48	77	7.0-25	1.0-0	0	0-0	5-116	0	5	1	4-4	0	0	0	34
PITT		461	291	752	73.0-295	27.0-182	8	7-3	14-148	37	46	10	38-38	0	1	0	352
		495	303	798	75.0-297	27.0-154	15	12-9	13-319	44	38	1	30-34	0	0	0	276

		Punting									Field Goals			Kickoffs				
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
08/30/0	BOWLING GREEN	5	189	37.8	46	0	1	1	0	2	1-2	36	0	3	181	60.3	0	0
09/06/0	BUFFALO	2	86	43.0	44	0	0	0	0	1	2-2	42	0	6	397	66.2	1	1
09/20/0	IOWA	8	382	47.8	60	0	1	0	2	1	0-0	0	0	4	256	64.0	0	0
09/27/0	at Syracuse	2	72	36.0	37	0	0	1	0	0	4-4	44	0	8	476	59.5	0	0
10/02/0	at USF	4	119	29.8	49	1	0	1	0	1	2-2	35	0	6	385	64.2	0	0
10/18/0	at Navy	2	75	37.5	38	0	0	1	0	0	0-0	0	0	7	441	63.0	1	0
10/25/0	RUTGERS	2	78	39.0	50	0	0	0	1	0	2-3	43	0	7	418	59.7	0	0
11/01/0	at Notre Dame	4	147	36.8	46	0	0	2	0	2	5-5	35	0	5	333	66.6	0	0
11/08/0	LOUISVILLE	7	296	42.3	54	0	0	2	2	3	2-2	30	0	8	507	63.4	0	0
11/22/0	at Cincinnati	6	241	40.2	45	0	0	4	0	3	0-0	0	0	3	183	61.0	0	0
11/28/0	WEST VIRGINIA	4	156	39.0	50	0	0	2	1	4	0-1	0	0	4	241	60.2	0	0
12/06/0	at Connecticut	7	255	36.4	47	0	0	4	0	4	2-2	21	0	7	383	54.7	0	0
PITT		53	2096	39.5	60	1	2	18	6	21	20-23	44	0	68	4201	61.8	2	1
		62	2479	40.0	79	4	5	16	11	17	12-18	48	3	54	3256	60.3	2	1

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OPPONENT STATISTICS

		Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	off
08/30/08	BOWLING GREEN	28	64	2	36	26	190	2	22	26-42-1	190	2	22	3	58	0	21	2	2	0	8	254
09/06/08	BUFFALO	32	125	1	14	21	223	1	39	21-34-1	223	1	39	4	61	0	18	1	4	0	4	348
09/20/08	IOWA	39	158	2	32	19	203	0	48	19-34-0	203	0	48	4	75	0	25	3	17	0	11	361
09/27/08	at Syracuse	27	126	0	43	9	137	2	36	9-17-0	137	2	36	8	227	1	90	0	0	0	0	263
10/02/08	at USF	35	116	1	27	11	129	1	38	11-21-1	129	1	38	6	113	0	33	3	59	1	26	245
10/18/08	at Navy	47	194	3	40	4	57	0	39	4-8-1	57	0	39	6	101	0	25	1	3	0	3	251
10/25/08	RUTGERS	30	71	2	9	15	371	6	79	15-24-1	371	6	79	7	125	0	38	1	3	0	0	442
11/01/08	at Notre Dame	39	115	0	15	23	271	3	47	23-44-0	271	3	47	5	91	0	27	1	-1	0	0	386
11/08/08	LOUISVILLE	30	96	0	17	19	203	1	30	19-38-2	203	1	30	8	109	0	23	4	12	0	13	299
11/22/08	at Cincinnati	38	87	1	11	26	309	3	39	26-32-0	309	3	39	3	66	0	27	0	0	0	0	396
11/28/08	WEST VIRGINIA	32	157	1	54	15	143	0	24	15-28-2	143	0	24	4	78	0	22	0	0	0	0	300
12/06/08	at Connecticut	44	225	1	57	6	80	0	43	6-31-5	80	0	43	7	109	0	25	2	0	0	0	305
Opponents		421	1534	14	57	194	2316	19	79	194-353-14	2316	19	79	65	1213	1	90	18	99	1	26	3850
		455	1719	29	58	204	2555	10	64	204-353-13	2555	10	64	52	1060	0	35	26	209	0	32	4274

Games played: 12
Avg per rush: 3.6
Avg per catch: 11.9
Pass efficiency: 119.90
Kick ret avg: 18.7
Punt ret avg: 5.5
All purpose avg/game: 456.8
Total offense avg/gm: 320.8

		Tackles				Sacks	Fumble		Pass Defense			Blkd	PAT Attempts				
Date	Opponent	ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	pts
08/30/0	BOWLING GREEN	53	24	77	6.0-26	4.0-17	3	3-6	1-0	9	7	0	3-4	0	0	0	27
09/06/0	BUFFALO	40	20	60	6.0-28	2.0-21	1	0-0	1-0	5	0	0	1-2	0	0	0	16
09/20/0	IOWA	39	14	53	5.0-18	2.0-12	2	1-0	1-24	6	5	0	2-2	0	0	0	20
09/27/0	at Syracuse	40	34	74	2.0-4	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	5	5	0	3-3	0	0	0	24
10/02/0	at USF	56	15	71	7.0-40	2.0-13	2	2-3	0-0	0	3	1	3-3	0	0	0	21
10/18/0	at Navy	38	26	64	3.0-9	2.0-3	2	1-0	2-91	0	2	0	3-3	0	0	0	21
10/25/0	RUTGERS	46	28	74	7.0-32	4.0-23	2	1-0	1-74	8	4	0	6-8	0	0	0	54
11/01/0	at Notre Dame	42	40	82	8.0-31	2.0-11	0	0-0	3-47	2	3	0	3-3	0	0	0	33
11/08/0	LOUISVILLE	38	18	56	5.0-11	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	4	2	0	1-1	0	0	0	7
11/22/0	at Cincinnati	30	22	52	11.0-53	7.0-41	0	1-0	1-45	1	2	0	4-4	0	0	0	28
11/28/0	WEST VIRGINIA	45	30	75	6.0-24	2.0-13	1	1-0	2-11	4	4	0	0-0	0	0	0	15
12/06/0	at Connecticut	28	32	60	9.0-21	0.0-0	1	2-0	1-27	0	1	0	1-1	0	0	0	10
Opponents		495	303	798	75.0-297	27.0-154	15	12-9	13-319	44	38	1	30-34	0	0	0	276
		461	291	752	73.0-295	27.0-182	8	7-3	14-148	37	46	10	38-38	0	1	0	352

		Punting									Field Goals			Kickoffs				
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
08/30/0	BOWLING GREEN	8	361	45.1	79	0	1	1	3	2	0-0	0	0	5	300	60.0	0	0
09/06/0	BUFFALO	3	117	39.0	49	0	0	0	0	0	1-2	35	1	4	245	61.2	0	0
09/20/0	IOWA	8	301	37.6	59	1	2	2	1	2	2-3	39	0	5	328	65.6	1	0
09/27/0	at Syracuse	4	165	41.2	57	0	0	1	1	2	1-1	25	0	4	245	61.2	0	0
10/02/0	at USF	5	222	44.4	47	0	0	3	0	2	0-1	0	1	4	248	62.0	0	1
10/18/0	at Navy	5	182	36.4	48	0	0	1	0	1	0-0	0	0	3	170	56.7	0	0
10/25/0	RUTGERS	3	150	50.0	54	0	0	2	2	0	0-0	0	0	9	550	61.1	0	0
11/01/0	at Notre Dame	5	152	30.4	48	1	0	0	0	1	4-5	48	0	5	300	60.0	1	0
11/08/0	LOUISVILLE	7	308	44.0	53	0	1	3	3	2	0-0	0	0	2	118	59.0	0	0
11/22/0	at Cincinnati	2	60	30.0	40	1	0	1	0	0	0-1	0	1	5	311	62.2	0	0
11/28/0	WEST VIRGINIA	5	238	47.6	53	0	0	0	1	2	3-3	40	0	5	282	56.4	0	0
12/06/0	at Connecticut	7	223	31.9	47	1	1	2	0	3	1-2	45	0	3	159	53.0	0	0
Opponents		62	2479	40.0	79	4	5	16	11	17	12-18	48	3	54	3256	60.3	2	1
		53	2096	39.5	60	1	2	18	6	21	20-23	44	0	68	4201	61.8	2	1

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INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	33	McCOY,LeSean vs West Virginia (11/28/08)
Yards Rushing	183	McCOY,LeSean vs West Virginia (11/28/08)
TD Rushes	4	McCOY,LeSean vs RUTGERS (10/25/08)
Long Rush	58	McCOY,LeSean at Navy (10/18/08)
Pass attempts	51	STULL,Bill vs Bowling Green (08/30/08)
Pass completions	29	STULL,Bill vs Bowling Green (08/30/08)
Yards Passing	279	STULL,Bill vs RUTGERS (10/25/08)
TD Passes	2	STULL,Bill at Connecticut (12/06/08)
Long Pass	64	STULL,Bill vs RUTGERS (10/25/08)
Receptions	8	KINDER,Derek at Syracuse (09/27/08)
Yards Receiving	109	PORTER,T.J. vs RUTGERS (10/25/08)
TD Receptions	1	KINDER,Derek vs Bowling Green (08/30/08)
	1	DICKERSON,Dorin at Syracuse (09/27/08)
	1	BALDWIN,J. at USF (10/02/08)
	1	BALDWIN,J. at Navy (10/18/08)
	1	BALDWIN,J. at Notre Dame (11/01/08)
	1	TURNER,Oderick vs Louisville (11/08/08)
	1	DICKERSON,Dorin at Cincinnati (11/22/08)
	1	KINDER,Derek vs West Virginia (11/28/08)
	1	KINDER,Derek at Connecticut (12/06/08)
	1	BYHAM,Nate at Connecticut (12/06/08)
Long Reception	64	PORTER,T.J. vs RUTGERS (10/25/08)
Field Goals	5	LEE,Conor at Notre Dame (11/01/08)
Long Field Goal	44	LEE,Conor at Syracuse (09/27/08)
Punts	8	BRYTUS,Dave vs Iowa (09/20/08)
Punting Avg	47.8	BRYTUS,Dave vs Iowa (09/20/08)
Long Punt	60	BRYTUS,Dave vs Iowa (09/20/08)
Long Punt Return	32	PORTER,T.J. at Connecticut (12/06/08)
Long Kickoff Return	35	WRIGHT,Aundre vs West Virginia (11/28/08)
Tackles	17	McKILLOP,Scott at Cincinnati (11/22/08)
Sacks	2.0	McKILLOP,Scott at USF (10/02/08)
Tackles For Loss	3.0	McKILLOP,Scott at USF (10/02/08)
	3.0	ROMEUS,Greg at Notre Dame (11/01/08)
Interceptions	2	WILLIAMS,Greg at Connecticut (12/06/08)

TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	47	at Notre Dame (11/01/08)
Yards Rushing	244	at Navy (10/18/08)
Yards Per Rush	5.8	at Navy (10/18/08)
TD Rushes	5	at Navy (10/18/08)
Pass attempts	51	vs Bowling Green (08/30/08)
Pass completions	29	vs Bowling Green (08/30/08)
Yards Passing	348	vs RUTGERS (10/25/08)
Yards Per Pass	11.1	at Navy (10/18/08)
TD Passes	2	at Connecticut (12/06/08)
Total Plays	86	vs Bowling Green (08/30/08)
Total Offense	499	at Navy (10/18/08)
Yards Per Play	7.7	at Navy (10/18/08)
Points	42	at Navy (10/18/08)
Sacks By	6	vs Iowa (09/20/08)
First Downs	27	vs Bowling Green (08/30/08)
Penalties	8	at Notre Dame (11/01/08)
Penalty Yards	58	vs Louisville (11/08/08)
Turnovers	4	vs Bowling Green (08/30/08)
Interceptions By	5	at Connecticut (12/06/08)

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OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	34	BROWN, Donald, at Connecticut (12/06/08)
Yards Rushing	189	BROWN, Donald, at Connecticut (12/06/08)
TD Rushes	2	YOUNG, Kordell, vs RUTGERS (10/25/08)
Long Rush	57	BROWN, Donald, at Connecticut (12/06/08)
Pass attempts	44	CLAUSEN, at Notre Dame (11/01/08)
Pass completions	26	PIKE, Tony, at Cincinnati (11/22/08)
Yards Passing	361	TEEL, Mike, vs RUTGERS (10/25/08)
TD Passes	6	TEEL, Mike, vs RUTGERS (10/25/08)
Long Pass	79	TEEL, Mike, vs RUTGERS (10/25/08)
Receptions	10	FLOYD, at Notre Dame (11/01/08)
Yards Receiving	143	BRITT, Kenny, vs RUTGERS (10/25/08)
TD Receptions	3	BRITT, Kenny, vs RUTGERS (10/25/08)
Long Reception	79	BRITT, Kenny, vs RUTGERS (10/25/08)
Field Goals	4	WALKER, B., at Notre Dame (11/01/08)
Long Field Goal	48	WALKER, B., at Notre Dame (11/01/08)
Punts	8	IOVINELLI, Nick, vs Bowling Green (08/30/08)
Punting Avg	50.0	DELLAGANNA, Ted, vs RUTGERS (10/25/08)
Long Punt	79	IOVINELLI, Nick, vs Bowling Green (08/30/08)
Long Punt Return	26	SINCLAIR,Charl, at USF (10/02/08)
Long Kickoff Return	90	HOLMES,Mike, at Syracuse (09/27/08)
Tackles	16	BRUTON, at Notre Dame (11/01/08)
Sacks	3.0	BARWIN, Connor, at Cincinnati (11/22/08)
Tackles For Loss	3.0	AKOBUNDU, Rapha, vs Buffalo (09/06/08)
	3.0	DEMPSEY, Jon, vs Louisville (11/08/08)
	3.0	BARWIN, Connor, at Cincinnati (11/22/08)
Interceptions	2	McNEIL, at Notre Dame (11/01/08)

OPPONENT TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	47	at Navy (10/18/08)
Yards Rushing	225	at Connecticut (12/06/08)
Yards Per Rush	5.1	at Connecticut (12/06/08)
TD Rushes	3	at Navy (10/18/08)
Pass attempts	44	at Notre Dame (11/01/08)
Pass completions	26	vs Bowling Green (08/30/08)
	26	at Cincinnati (11/22/08)
Yards Passing	371	vs RUTGERS (10/25/08)
Yards Per Pass	15.5	vs RUTGERS (10/25/08)
TD Passes	6	vs RUTGERS (10/25/08)
Total Plays	83	at Notre Dame (11/01/08)
Total Offense	442	vs RUTGERS (10/25/08)
Yards Per Play	8.2	vs RUTGERS (10/25/08)
Points	54	vs RUTGERS (10/25/08)
Sacks By	7	at Cincinnati (11/22/08)
First Downs	22	vs Buffalo (09/06/08)
	22	at Cincinnati (11/22/08)
Penalties	11	at USF (10/02/08)
Penalty Yards	84	at USF (10/02/08)
Turnovers	5	vs Louisville (11/08/08)
	5	at Connecticut (12/06/08)
Interceptions By	3	at Notre Dame (11/01/08)

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PITT Inside Opponent Red-Zone

Date	Opponent		Score	Times In RZ	Times Scored	Total Pts	TDs	Rush TDs	Pass TDs	FGs Made	Failed to score inside RZ FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
08/30/08	BOWLING GREEN	L	17-27	3	3	17	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/06/08	BUFFALO	W	27-16	4	4	24	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/20/08	IOWA	W	21-20	2	2	14	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/27/08	at Syracuse	W	34-24	4	4	25	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/02/08	at USF	W	26-21	4	4	19	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/18/08	at Navy	W	42-21	5	4	28	4	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
10/25/08	RUTGERS	L	34-54	3	2	14	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
11/01/08	at Notre Dame	W	36-33	8	8	36	3	2	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
11/08/08	LOUISVILLE	W	41-7	4	4	20	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
11/22/08	at Cincinnati	L	21-28	2	2	14	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11/28/08	WEST VIRGINIA	W	19-15	4	2	12	2	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
12/06/08	at Connecticut	W	34-10	2	2	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Totals			45	41	229	27	24	3	14	1	0	3	0	0	0
	41 of 45 (91.1%)															

Opponents Inside PITT Red-Zone

Date	Opponent		Score	Times In RZ	Times Scored	Total Pts	TDs	Rush TDs	Pass TDs	FGs Made	Failed to score inside RZ FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
08/30/08	BOWLING GREEN	L	17-27	4	4	27	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/06/08	BUFFALO	W	27-16	2	2	9	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/20/08	IOWA	W	21-20	4	3	17	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
09/27/08	at Syracuse	W	34-24	1	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/02/08	at USF	W	26-21	2	2	14	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/18/08	at Navy	W	42-21	2	2	14	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/25/08	RUTGERS	L	34-54	4	4	26	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11/01/08	at Notre Dame	W	36-33	6	5	27	3	0	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
11/08/08	LOUISVILLE	W	41-7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11/22/08	at Cincinnati	L	21-28	3	3	21	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11/28/08	WEST VIRGINIA	W	19-15	3	2	6	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
12/06/08	at Connecticut	W	34-10	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
	Totals			33	28	164	21	11	10	7	2	2	1	0	0	0
	28 of 33 (84.8%)															

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3rd-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall		1st Qtr		2nd Qtr		3rd Qtr		4th Qtr		Overtime	
08/30/08	BOWLING GREEN	L	17-27	6-16	37.5	3-5	60.0	2-4	50.0	0-2	0.0	1-5	20.0		
09/06/08	BUFFALO	W	27-16	8-13	61.5	1-3	33.3	2-3	66.7	2-3	66.7	3-4	75.0		
09/20/08	IOWA	W	21-20	3-15	20.0	2-3	66.7	1-5	20.0	0-3	0.0	0-4	0.0		
09/27/08	at Syracuse	W	34-24	11-18	61.1	2-5	40.0	3-4	75.0	3-5	60.0	3-4	75.0		
10/02/08	at USF	W	26-21	4-13	30.8	1-5	20.0	0-2	0.0	1-2	50.0	2-4	50.0		
10/18/08	at Navy	W	42-21	9-13	69.2	5-5	100.0	2-4	50.0	0-1	0.0	2-3	66.7		
10/25/08	RUTGERS	L	34-54	4-14	28.6	0-4	0.0	1-2	50.0	2-4	50.0	1-4	25.0		
11/01/08	at Notre Dame	W	36-33	5-17	29.4	0-3	0.0	2-3	66.7	2-5	40.0	1-3	33.3	0-3	0.0
11/08/08	LOUISVILLE	W	41-7	3-15	20.0	1-3	33.3	1-4	25.0	0-4	0.0	1-4	25.0		
11/22/08	at Cincinnati	L	21-28	2-10	20.0	1-2	50.0	0-3	0.0	0-2	0.0	1-3	33.3		
11/28/08	WEST VIRGINIA	W	19-15	3-9	33.3	0-1	0.0	2-3	66.7	0-3	0.0	1-2	50.0		
12/06/08	at Connecticut	W	34-10	3-13	23.1	1-5	20.0	1-2	50.0	0-2	0.0	1-4	25.0		
	PITT			61-166	36.7	17-44	38.6	17-39	43.6	10-36	27.8	17-44	38.6	0-3	0.0
	Opponents			61-170	35.9	13-36	36.1	17-42	40.5	17-44	38.6	13-43	30.2	1-5	20.0

4th-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall		1st Qtr		2nd Qtr		3rd Qtr		4th Qtr		Overtime	
08/30/08	BOWLING GREEN	L	17-27	3-4	75.0	0-0	0.0	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0	2-3	66.7		
09/06/08	BUFFALO	W	27-16	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0		
09/20/08	IOWA	W	21-20	3-3	100.0	1-1	100.0	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0	1-1	100.0		
09/27/08	at Syracuse	W	34-24	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0		
10/02/08	at USF	W	26-21	1-2	50.0	0-0	0.0	1-1	100.0	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0		
10/18/08	at Navy	W	42-21	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0		
10/25/08	RUTGERS	L	34-54	0-2	0.0	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-1	0.0		
11/01/08	at Notre Dame	W	36-33	3-3	100.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	1-1	100.0	2-2	100.0	0-0	0.0
11/08/08	LOUISVILLE	W	41-7	2-2	100.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	2-2	100.0	0-0	0.0		
11/22/08	at Cincinnati	L	21-28	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0		
11/28/08	WEST VIRGINIA	W	19-15	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-1	0.0		
12/06/08	at Connecticut	W	34-10	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0		
	PITT			13-18	72.2	1-2	50.0	3-3	100.0	4-5	80.0	5-8	62.5	0-0	0.0
	Opponents			7-18	38.9	2-2	100.0	0-1	0.0	3-5	60.0	2-10	20.0	0-0	0.0

Time of Possession

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
08/30/08	BOWLING GREEN	L	17-27	33:08	10:57	8:54	3:53	9:24	
09/06/08	BUFFALO	W	27-16	29:23	4:07	8:10	7:44	9:22	
09/20/08	IOWA	W	21-20	25:12	6:08	5:32	7:16	6:16	
09/27/08	at Syracuse	W	34-24	38:20	9:44	8:44	9:27	10:25	
10/02/08	at USF	W	26-21	36:54	8:56	12:07	6:11	9:40	
10/18/08	at Navy	W	42-21	33:00	10:06	9:32	4:55	8:27	
10/25/08	RUTGERS	L	34-54	32:47	10:00	7:12	10:22	5:13	
11/01/08	at Notre Dame	W	36-33	31:16	4:35	8:26	10:51	7:24	0:00
11/08/08	LOUISVILLE	W	41-7	33:56	7:05	7:28	10:39	8:44	
11/22/08	at Cincinnati	L	21-28	25:13	7:57	7:18	3:34	6:24	
11/28/08	WEST VIRGINIA	W	19-15	31:49	8:26	9:28	6:04	7:51	
12/06/08	at Connecticut	W	34-10	27:32	8:52	4:31	6:41	7:28	
	PITT		Total	378:30	96:53	97:22	87:37	96:38	0:00
			Avg.	31:32	8:04	8:06	7:18	8:03	0:00
	Opponents		Total	341:30	83:07	82:38	92:23	83:22	0:00
			Avg.	28:27	6:55	6:53	7:41	6:56	0:00

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Big East and NCAA Rankings

2008 Individual Big East & NCAA Rankings

BIG EAST INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS (TOP 3)

INDIVIDUAL	CATEGORY	AVG./RATING	BIG EAST
LeSean McCoy	Scoring	10.5 pts./game	1st
	Rushing	116.9 yds./game	2nd
	All Purpose	143.2 yds./game	3rd
Conor Lee	Scoring (kick)	8.2 pts./game	1st
	Field Goal Pct.	87.0 pct. (20-23)	1st
	Field Goals	1.67 FG/game	1st
	PAT Kicking Pct.	100.0 pct. (38-38)	T-1st
	Scoring (overall)	8.2 pts./game	3rd
Scott McKillop	Tackles	10.5 tackles/game	1st
	Tackles for loss	1.38 tackles/game	1st
Bill Stull	Passing	209.5 yds./game	3rd
Dom DeCicco	Interceptions	0.33 interceptions/game	3rd

NCAA INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS (TOP 30)

INDIVIDUAL	CATEGORY	AVG./RATING	NCAA
LeSean McCoy	Scoring	10.50 pts./game	T-1st
	Rushing	116.92 yds./game	10th
	All-Purpose Running	143.17 yds./game	T-27th
Scott McKillop	Solo Tackles	6.50 solos/game	T-2nd
	Total Tackles	10.50 tackles/game	T-11th
	Tackles for Loss	1.38 TFLs/game	T-20th
Conor Lee	Field Goals	1.67 FG/game	T-5th

2008 Team Big East & NCAA Rankings

BIG EAST TEAM RANKINGS (Top 3)

CATEGORY	AVG./RATING	BIG EAST
4th Down Conversions	72.2 pct. (13-18)	1st
Penalty Yards	35.4 yds./game	1st
Scoring Offense	29.3 pts./game	1st
Field Goal Pct.	87.0 pct. (20-23)	1st
PAT Kicking	100.0 pct. (38-38)	T-1st
Red Zone Offense	91.1 pct. (41-45)	2nd
Kickoff Coverage	43.4 net. avg.	2nd
Time of Possession	31:32 minutes/game	3rd
Sacks By	2.33 sacks/game	T-3rd

NCAA TEAM RANKINGS (Top 30)

CATEGORY	AVG./RATING	NCAA
Off. 4th Down Effic.	72.2 pct. (13-18)	6th
Fewest Yds. Penalized	35.42 yds./game	7th
Red Zone Efficiency	91.0 pct. (41-45)	T-9th
Fewest Penalties	4.58 penalties/game	T-13th
Kickoff Ret. Defense	18.66 yds./return	14th
Punt Ret. Defense	5.50 yds./return	T-19th
Time of Possession	31:33 min./game	20th
Net Punting	39.55 yds./punt	24th
Def. 4th Down Effic.	38.9 pct. (7-18)	T-26th
First Downs Allowed	16.83 first downs/game	30th

Pitt sophomore running back LeSean McCoy leads the nation in scoring with 10.50 points per game.

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2008 Starting Lineups

Offense

GAME	SE/X Rec.	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE/Y Rec.	FL/Z Rec.	QB	FB	TB
Bowling Green	Turner	Pinkston	Davis	Houser	Malecki	Thomas	Byham	Kinder	Stull	McGee*	McCoy
Buffalo	McGee	Pinkston	Davis	Houser	Malecki	Thomas	Byham	Kinder	Stull	Collins	McCoy
Iowa	Turner	Pinkston	Davis	Houser	Malecki	Thomas	Dickerson#	Kinder	Stull	Collins	McCoy
Syracuse	Turner	Pinkston	Davis	Houser	Malecki	Thomas	Byham	Kinder	Stull	Dickerson%	McCoy
USF	Turner	Pinkston	Davis	Houser	Malecki	Thomas	Byham	Kinder	Stull	McGee*	McCoy
Navy	Pelusi**	Pinkston	Davis	Houser	Malecki	Thomas	Byham	McGee	Stull	Collins	McCoy
Rutgers	Turner	Pinkston	Davis	Houser	Malecki	Thomas	Byham	Kinder	Stull	Collins	McCoy
Notre Dame	Turner	Pinkston	D. Williams	Davis	Malecki	Thomas	Byham	Kinder	Bostick	Pelusi%	McCoy
Louisville	Turner	Pinkston	D. Williams	Davis	Malecki	Thomas	Byham	Kinder	Stull	Pelusi%	McCoy
Cincinnati	Turner	Pinkston	D. Williams	Davis	Malecki	Thomas	Byham	Kinder	Stull	Pelusi%	McCoy
West Virginia	Baldwin	Pinkston	D. Williams	Davis	Malecki	Thomas	Byham	Kinder	Stull	McGee*	McCoy
Connecticut	Baldwin	Pinkston	D. Williams	Davis	Malecki	Thomas	Byham	Kinder	Stull	Collins	McCoy

* Pitt started three wide receivers and no fullback vs. Bowling Green, USF and West Virginia
** Pitt started two tight ends and a flanker vs. Navy
# Pitt started three wide receivers and no tight end vs. Iowa
% Pitt started two tight ends and no fullback vs. Syracuse, Notre Dame, Louisville and Cincinnati

Defense

GAME	DE	NT	DT	DE	SLB	MLB	WLB	CB	SS	FS	CB
Bowling Green	Sheard	Duncan	M. Williams	Romeus	Gunn	McKillop	Ransom	Chappel	DeCicco	Thatcher	Berry
Buffalo	Sheard	Duncan	Duhart	Romeus	G. Williams	McKillop	Ransom	Chappel	DeCicco	Thatcher	Berry
Iowa	Sheard	Duncan	M. Williams	Romeus	G. Williams	McKillop	Ransom	Chappel	Fields	Thatcher	Berry
Syracuse	Sheard	Duncan	M. Williams	Romeus	G. Williams	McKillop	Ransom	Chappel	Fields	Thatcher	Berry
USF	Sheard	Duncan	M. Williams	Romeus	G. Williams	McKillop	Ransom	Chappel	DeCicco	Thatcher	Berry
Navy	Sheard	Duncan	Mustakas	Romeus	G. Williams	McKillop	Ransom	Chappel	DeCicco	Thatcher	Berry
Rutgers	Sheard	Duncan	Mustakas	Romeus	G. Williams	McKillop	Ransom	Chappel	DeCicco	Thatcher	Berry
Notre Dame	Sheard	Duncan	Mustakas	Romeus	G. Williams	McKillop	Ransom	Gary	DeCicco	Thatcher	Berry
Louisville	Sheard	Duncan	M. Williams	Romeus	G. Williams	McKillop	Ransom	Gary	DeCicco	Thatcher	Berry
Cincinnati	Sheard	Duncan	M. Williams	Romeus	G. Williams	McKillop	Ransom	Gary	DeCicco	Thatcher	Berry
West Virginia	Sheard	Duncan	M. Williams	Romeus	G. Williams	McKillop	Ransom	Gary	DeCicco	Thatcher	Berry
Connecticut	Sheard	Duncan	M. Williams	Romeus	G. Williams	McKillop	Ransom	Gary	DeCicco	Thatcher	Berry

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2008 Honors and Awards (as of Dec. 13)

Aaron Berry — Cornerback
Second Team All-Big East (coaches)

Dave Brytus — Punter
Big East Special Teams Player of the Week (Sept. 22)

Nate Byham — Tight End
First Team All-Big East (coaches and media)
John Mackey Award Watch List

Jovani Chappel — Cornerback
Coaching Staff Special Teams Player of the Game (Navy)

Conredge Collins — Fullback
Coaching Staff Offensive Player of the Game (Iowa)

C.J. Davis — Offensive Guard
First Team All-Big East (coaches)
Coaching Staff Offensive Co-Player of the Game (Navy)

Rashaad Duncan — Nose Tackle
Coaching Staff Defensive Player of the Game (West Virginia)
Coaching Staff Defensive Player of the Game (Navy)
Coaching Staff Defensive Player of the Game (Louisville)

Elijah Fields — Safety
Coaching Staff Special Teams Player of the Game (Buffalo)

Derek Kinder — Wide Receiver
Maxwell Award Watch List

Conor Lee — Placekicker
First Team All-Big East (coaches and media)
ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American (second team)
ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District 2
Big East Special Teams Player of the Week (Nov. 3)
Big East Special Teams Player of the Week (Sept. 29)
Lou Groza Award "Stars of the Week" (Sept. 29)
Coaching Staff Special Teams Player of the Game (Notre Dame)
Coaching Staff Special Teams Player of the Game (Syracuse)
Lou Groza Award Watch List

John Malecki — Offensive Guard
Coaching Staff Offensive Player of the Game (Louisville)

Pitt senior Scott McKillop was named the Big East Defensive Player of the Year -- Pitt's second such honor in the last three seasons.

LeSean McCoy — Running Back
Rivals.com All-America Team (second team)
Big East Offensive Player of the Year (media)
Unanimous First Team All-Big East (coaches and media)
Rivals.com Big East Player of the Year
Doak Walker Award Semifinalist
Maxwell Award Semifinalist
Big East Offensive Player of the Week (Dec. 1)
Big East Offensive Player of the Week (Oct. 6)
Coaching Staff Offensive Player of the Game (West Virginia)
Coaching Staff Offensive Player of the Game (Notre Dame)
Coaching Staff Offensive Co-Player of the Game (Navy)
Coaching Staff Offensive Player of the Game (USF)
Walter Camp Player of the Year Watch List

Cedric McGee — Wide Receiver
Coaching Staff Special Teams Player of the Game (West Virginia)
Coaching Staff Offensive Player of the Game (Buffalo)

Scott McKillop — Linebacker
FWAA All-America Team
Walter Camp All-America Team (second team)
Rivals.com All-America Team (second team)
Big East Defensive Player of the Year (coaches and media)
Unanimous First Team All-Big East (coaches and media)
Chuck Bednarik Award Semifinalist
Ronnie Lott Trophy Semifinalist
Walter Camp Player of the Year "15 Players to Watch"
CBSSports.com Midseason All-American
CollegeFootballNews.com Midseason All-American
SI.com Midseason All-American
Sporting News Today Midseason All-American
Phil Steele Midseason All-American
FWAA/Bronko Nagurski Player of the Week (Oct. 6)
Walter Camp National Defensive Player of the Week (Oct. 6)
The Lott Trophy IMPACT Player of the Week (Oct. 6)
Big East Defensive Player of the Week (Dec. 1)
Big East Defensive Player of the Week (Oct. 6)
Big East Defensive Player of the Week (Sept. 22)
Big East Defensive Player of the Week (Sept. 8)
Coaching Staff Defensive Player of the Game (Notre Dame)
Coaching Staff Defensive Player of the Game (USF)
Coaching Staff Defensive Player of the Game (Buffalo)
Bednarik Award Watch List
Bronko Nagurski Trophy Watch List
Rotary Lombardi Award Watch List

Gus Mustakas — Defensive Tackle
Outland Trophy Watch List

Austin Ransom — Linebacker
Coaching Staff Defensive Player of the Game (Iowa)

Greg Romeus — Defensive End
Second Team All-Big East (coaches)

Jabaal Sheard — Defensive End
Coaching Staff Defensive Player of the Game (Syracuse)

LaRod Stephens-Howling — Running Back
Coaching Staff Offensive Player of the Game (Syracuse)

Andrew Taglianetti — Defensive Back
Coaching Staff Special Teams Player of the Game (Iowa)
Coaching Staff Special Teams Player of the Game (Louisville)

2008 Brut Sun bowl

2008 Game-by-Game Review

Game 1: Bowling Green 27, #25 Pitt 17

Aug. 30, 2008 • Heinz Field • 45,063

GAME NOTES: Pitt lost its season opener for only the second time in the past 12 seasons...the loss came despite the fact that Pitt held statistical advantages in total yards (393 to 254), rushing yards (129 to 64), passing yards (264 to 190), first downs (27 to 15) and possession time (33:08 to 26:52)...the Panthers, though, had four turnovers while Bowling Green had just one...Pitt led 14-0 in the second quarter and 17-14 at halftime...after falling into a two-touchdown deficit, Bowling Green (1-0) would outscore Pitt 27-3...Bowling Green defeated a ranked foe on the road for the second time in five years (No. 16 Purdue in 2003)...it was the first time Pitt lost to a Mid-American Conference team at home in 25 games...the Panthers fell to 25-3 all-time vs. MAC teams.

BOWLING GREEN	0	14	6	7	27
PITT	7	10	0	0	17

First Quarter

PITT — McCoy 11-yard run (Lee kick) 11:12

Second Quarter

PITT — Kinder 4-yard pass from Stull (Lee kick) 11:02
BG — Scheidler 5-yard pass from Barnes (Vrvilo kick) 8:01
BG — Scheidler 3-yard pass from Sheehan (Vrvilo kick) 1:31
PITT — Lee 36-yard field goal 0:00

Third Quarter

BG — Turner 8-yard run (kick blocked) 3:53

Fourth Quarter

BG — Sheehan 11-yard run (Vrvilo kick) 11:59

Team Stats	**BG**	**PITT**
First Downs	15	27
Rushes-Yards	28-64	35-129
Comp-Att-Int	26-42-1	29-51-1
Passing Yards	190	264
Total Yards	254	393
Punt Returns-Yards	2-2	3-20
Kick Returns-Yards	3-58	5-81
Interceptions-Yards	1-0	1-0
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	3-3
Punts-Average	8-45.1	5-37.8
Penalties-Yards	7-54	2-10
Third Down Conv.	7-18	6-16
Fourth Down Conv.	1-1	3-4
Sacks By-Yards	4-17	2-20
Possession Time	26:52	33:08

Rushing
BG — Bullock 7-44; Turner 8-16, 1 TD; Barnes 5-14; Sheehan 6-(-4), 1 TD; Team 2-(-6).
PITT — Stephens-Howling 7-71; McCoy 23-71, 1 TD; Collins 1-7; Stull 4-(-20).

Passing
BG — Sheehan 24-40-1, 163 yards, 1 TD; Barnes 2-2-0, 27 yards, 1 TD.
PITT — Stull 29-51-1, 264 yards, 1TD.

Receiving
BG — Bullock 7-49; Partridge 3-34; Scheidler 3-30, 2 TD; Pronty 3-24; Barnes 3-21; Parks 2-13; Turner 2-7; Hutson 2-5; Wright 1-7.
PITT — McGee 6-55; Kinder 6-47, 1 TD; Byham 5-52; McCoy 5-45; Turner 5-42; Dickerson 2-23.

Game 2: Pitt 27, Buffalo 16

Sept. 6, 2008 • Heinz Field • 42,494

GAME NOTES: LeSean McCoy matched his career high with three rushing TDs to lift Pitt (1-1) past visiting Buffalo (1-1), 27-16...McCoy rushed for a team-high 93 yards and achieved his fourth three-TD game in just 14 collegiate contests...Bill Stull threw for 241 yards on 22-of-33 passing...Conor Lee accounted for nine points (3-3 PATs, 2-2 FGs), including a 42-yard FG with 3:31 left that provided the final margin... Scott McKillop had a game-high 15 tackles...Eric Thatcher's interception with 1:26 left sealed the result and ended a national-best streak of 284 passes without an INT for UB's Drew Willy...the Panthers improved to 26-3 all-time vs. MAC teams.

BUFFALO	6	3	7	0	16
PITT	0	10	7	10	27

First Quarter

UB — Thermilus 1-yard run (kick failed) 1:59

Second Quarter

PITT — McCoy 3-yard run (Lee kick) 13:30
PITT — Lee 21-yard field goal 2:42
UB — Principe 35-yard field goal 0:32

Third Quarter

PITT — McCoy 1-yard run (Lee Kick) 10:05
UB — Hamlin 39-yard pass from Willy (Principe kick) 6:41

Fourth Quarter

PITT — McCoy 2-yard run (Lee kick) 10:21
PITT — Lee 42-yard field goal 3:31

Team Stats	**UB**	**PITT**
First Downs	22	22
Rushes-Yards	32-125	31-111
Comp-Att-Int	21-34-1	22-34-1
Passing Yards	223	241
Total Yards	348	352
Punt Returns-Yards	1-4	2-12
Kick Returns-Yards	4-61	4-90
Interceptions-Yards	1-0	1-0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Punts-Average	3-39.0	2-43.0
Penalties-Yards	6-60	3-25
Third Down Conv.	6-13	8-13
Fourth Down Conv.	1-1	0-0
Sacks By-Yards	2-21	3-14
Possession Time	30:37	29:23

Rushing
UB — Starks 20-97; Thermilus 4-20, 1 TD; Roosevelt 1-3; Scharon 1-2; Willy 6-0; Niedermier 0-3.
PITT — McCoy 20-93, 3 TD; Stephens-Howling 7-21; Dickerson 1-9; Stull 3-(-12).

Passing
UB — Willy 21-34-1, 223 yards, 1 TD.
PITT — Stull 22-33-1, 241 yards; Team 1-0-0.

Receiving
UB — Roosevelt 6-65; Hamlin 5-77, 1 TD; Jackson 4-43; Rice 3-21; Starks 2-7; Rack 1-10.
PITT — Porter 6-57; Turner 5-69; Kinder 3-30; McGee 3-28; Byham 3-26; McCoy 1-24; Dickerson 1-7.

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2008 Game-by-Game Review

Game 3: Pitt 21, Iowa 20

Sept. 20, 2008 • Heinz Field • 50,321

GAME NOTES: LeSean McCoy scored on a 27-yard run early in the fourth quarter as Pitt defeated Iowa, 21-20, in the first meeting between the two schools since 1952...Pitt (2-1) triumphed despite being outgained 361 to 259...Pitt's other two scores also came on the ground...QB Greg Cross, on the first play of his collegiate career, scored on a dazzling 17-yard run to put Pitt up 7-3...starting QB Bill Stull added a six-yard TD run in the second period to make it 14-3...Iowa rallied and would take a 17-14 lead late in the third period...the Panthers would respond with an 80-yard scoring drive, capped by McCoy's TD run...Pitt compiled six sacks against an Iowa offensive front that had only given up two in its first three games...MLB Scott McKillop had a game-high 10 tackles and a sack...Iowa (3-1) had not yielded a touchdown in its first three games and was giving up only 2.7 points before playing Pitt.

IOWA	3	7	7	3	20
PITT	7	7	0	7	21

First Quarter

IOWA — Mossbrucker 26-yard field goal 10:25
PITT — Cross 17-yard run (Lee kick) 6:06

Second Quarter

PITT — Stull 6-yard run (Lee kick) 12:34
IOWA — Greene 6-yard run (Murray kick) 3:24

Third Quarter

IOWA — Christensen 2-yard run (Mossbrucker kick) 5:33

Fourth Quarter

PITT — McCoy 27-yard run (Lee kick) 13:37
IOWA — Mossbrucker 39-yard field goal 10:58

Team Stats	**IOWA**	**PITT**
First Downs	19	13
Rushes-Yards	39-158	37-130
Comp-Att-Int	19-34-0	11-25-1
Passing Yards	203	129
Total Yards	361	259
Punt Returns-Yards	3-17	2-(-5)
Kick Returns-Yards	4-75	4-96
Interceptions-Yards	1-24	0-0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	3-1
Punts-Average	8-37.6	8-47.8
Penalties-Yards	2-14	2-17
Third Down Conv.	4-17	3-15
Fourth Down Conv.	1-1	3-3
Sacks By-Yards	2-12	6-27
Possession Time	34:48	25:12

Rushing
IOWA — Greene 23-147, 1 TD; Christensen 9-17, 1 TD; Stross 1-4; Hampton 2-1; O'Meara 1-(-3); Stanzi 3-(-8).
PITT — McCoy 18-78, 1 TD; Stephens-Howling 8-26; Wright 1-14; Cross 2-7, 1 TD; Stull 3-7, 1 TD; Collins 2-4; Team 3-(-6).

Passing
IOWA — Christensen 12-24-0, 124 yards; Stanzi 7-10-0, 79 yards.
PITT — Stull 11-25-1, 129 yards.

Receiving
IOWA — Johnson-Koulianos 6-75; Myers 4-35; Leppert 3-11; Brodell 2-23; Greene 2-5; Moeaki 1-48; O'Meara 1-6.
PITT — McCoy 2-33; Kinder 2-28; Stephens-Howling 2-19; McGee 2-12; Dickerson 1-18; Porter 1-13; Collins 1-6.

Game 4: Pitt 34, Syracuse 24

Sept. 27, 2008 • Carrier Dome • 27,549

GAME NOTES: Pitt overcame an 11-point second-half deficit at Syracuse to win its Big East opener, 34-24…Pitt trailed 24-13 with 12:40 left in the third quarter but responded with 21-unanswered points…LaRod Stephens-Howling keyed the rally with touchdown runs of nine and three yards, the latter coming with 3:22 left in the game to seal the victory…the final TD came after Greg Romeus sacked SU quarterback Cam Dantley, forcing a fumble that Jabaal Sheard recovered at the Orange 34 with 8:05 left…Conor Lee accounted for a career-high 14 points and tied the school record with four field goals…Pitt (3-1, 1-0) compiled 241 rushing yards, including 149 from LeSean McCoy…Stephens-Howling netted 71 yards…Pitt beat Syracuse (1-4, 0-1) for the sixth time in seven years.

PITT	3	10	3	18	34
SYRACUSE	14	3	7	0	24

First Quarter

PITT — Lee 40-yard field goal 10:37
SYR — Holmes 90-yard kick return (Shadle kick) 10:27
SYR — Davis 27-yard pass from Dantley (Shadle kick) 5:42

Second Quarter

PITT — Lee 43-yard field goal 12:10
PITT — Dickerson 2-yard pass from Stull (Lee kick) 4:08
SYR — Shadle 25-yard field goal 0:00

Third Quarter

SYR — Chew 36-yard pass from Dantley (Shadle kick) 12:40
PITT — Lee 44-yard field goal 7:20

Fourth Quarter

PITT — Stephens-Howling 9-yard run (Baldwin pass from Stull) 14:26
PITT — Lee 25-yard field goal 9:17
PITT — Stephens-Howling 3-yard run (Lee kick) 3:22

Team Stats	**PITT**	**SYR**
First Downs	23	12
Rushes-Yards	46-241	27-126
Comp-Att-Int	17-29-0	9-17-0
Passing Yards	166	137
Total Yards	407	263
Punt Returns-Yards	2-30	0-0
Kick Returns-Yards	4-78	8-227
Interceptions-Yards	0-0	0-0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Punts-Average	2-36.0	4-41.2
Penalties-Yards	4-31	4-40
Third Down Conv.	11-18	3-9
Fourth Down Conv.	1-1	0-1
Sacks By-Yards	2-14	0-0
Possession Time	38:20	21:40

Rushing
PITT — McCoy 28-149; Stephens-Howling 13-71, 2 TD; Collier 2-23; Stull 1-2; Team 2-(-4).
SYRACUSE — Brinkley 16-119; Hogue 4-8; A. Bailey 2-5; D. Bailey 1-(-2); Dantley 4-(-4).

Passing
PITT — Stull 17-29-0, 166 yards, 1 TD.
SYRACUSE — Dantley 9-17-0, 137 yards, 2 TD.

Receiving
PITT — Kinder 8-92; Stephens-Howling 2-22; Turner 2-19; Dickerson 2-11, 1 TD; McGee 1-13; Baldwin 1-8; McCoy 1-1.
SYRACUSE — Lobdell 3-52; Davis 2-33, 1 TD; Chew 1-36, 1 TD; Sales 1-6; Owen 1-5; Hogue 1-5.

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Game 5: Pitt 26, #10 USF 21

Oct. 2, 2008 • Raymond James Stadium • 50,307

GAME NOTES: LeSean McCoy rushed for two TDs and Bill Stull threw for another to lift Pitt to a 26-21 upset of No. 10 USF in front of an ESPN Thursday night national television audience...it was Pitt's third consecutive victory over a ranked foe...the Panthers defeated No. 23 Cincinnati and No. 2/1 West Virginia in 2007...facing a USF defense that had only been yielding 58 rushing yards per game, McCoy ran for 142 yards on 28 carries...his TDs covered six and three yards, the latter providing the winning points with 4:43 left in the game...Scott McKillop collected 12 tackles (all solo), two sacks and snuffed out a fake field goal to lead Pitt's impressive defensive effort...USF (5-1, 0-1) entered the game averaging 464 yards in total offense, but produced just 245 against Pitt...it was the Panthers' fourth consecutive win (4-1, 2-0) and lifted them back into the AP national rankings at No. 24.

PITT	7	10	0	9	26
USF	7	0	7	7	21

First Quarter

USF — Sinclair 26-yard blocked punt return (Bonani kick) 8:07
PITT — Baldwin 52-yard pass from Stull (Lee kick) 5:54

Second Quarter

PITT — McCoy 6-yard run (Lee kick) 4:59
PITT — Lee 35-yard field goal 0:22

Third Quarter

USF — Grothe 1-yard run (Bonani kick) 9:27

Fourth Quarter

PITT — Lee 31-yard field goal 9:40
USF — Hester 22-yard pass from Grothe (Bonani kick) 5:57
PITT — McCoy 3-yard run (pass failed) 4:43

Team Stats	**PITT**	**USF**
First Downs	24	14
Rushes-Yards	45-146	35-116
Comp-Att-Int	17-28-0	11-21-1
Passing Yards	228	129
Total Yards	374	245
Punt Returns-Yards	1-15	3-59
Kick Returns-Yards	3-64	6-113
Interceptions-Yards	1-0	0-0
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	0-0
Punts-Average	4-29.8	5-44.4
Penalties-Yards	5-26	11-84
Third Down Conv.	4-13	3-9
Fourth Down Conv.	1-2	0-1
Sacks By-Yards	4-41	2-13
Possession Time	36:54	23:06

Rushing
PITT — McCoy 28-142, 2 TD; Dickerson 1-16; Stephens-Howling 9-11; Cross 2-8; Collins 1-5; Team 1-(-18); Stull 3-(-18).
USF — Ford 14-73; Grothe 11-25, 1 TD; Plancher 6-14; Williams 2-3; Gregory 1-1; Johnson 1-0.

Passing
PITT — Stull 16-27-0, 228 yards, 1 TD; Brytus 1-1-0, 0 yards.
USF — Grothe 11-21-1, 129 yards, 1 TD.

Receiving
PITT — Collins 4-25; Turner 3-60; Stephens-Howling 3-33; McCoy 3-23; Baldwin 2-59, 1 TD; Byham 1-24; McGee 1-4.
USF — Hester 3-34, 1 TD; Love 2-44; Hill 2-21; Bogan 2-21; Johnson 2-9.

Game 6: #23 Pitt 42, Navy 21

Oct. 18, 2008 • Navy-Marine Corps MS • 37,970

GAME NOTES: Pitt won its fifth in a row with a 42-21 rout of Navy before a Midshipmen record crowd of 37,970 in Annapolis...LeSean McCoy rushed for three TDs and 156 yards on 18 carries (8.7 avg.)... his 58-yard scoring run with 1:04 left in the first half gave Pitt (5-1) a commanding 35-14 lead...LaRod Stephens-Howling rushed for two TDs, while Bill Stull hit Jonathan Baldwin on a 60-yard scoring bomb... Baldwin had 101 receiving yards on just three catches (33.7 avg.)...Pitt limited Navy (4-3) to 251 yards in total offense and 194 rushing...the Mids had been averaging 313 on the ground to rank No. 2 nationally... Scott McKillop had a team-high nine tackles...Jabaal Sheard's sack and forced fumble set up Pitt's third TD on a short field in the opening period, putting the Panthers up 21-7...the game marked Pitt's first visit to Navy since 1987.

PITT	21	14	0	7	42
NAVY	7	7	0	7	21

First Quarter

PITT — Stephens-Howling 6-yard run (Lee kick) 10:01
NAVY — White 40-yard run (Harmon kick) 7:19
PITT — McCoy 2-yard run (Lee kick) 4:34
PITT — Stephens-Howling 9-yard run (Lee kick) 2:58

Second Quarter

NAVY — Bryant 8-yard run (Harmon kick) 10:22
PITT — McCoy 11-yard run (Lee kick) 8:04
PITT — McCoy 58-yard run (Lee kick) 1:04

Third Quarter

No scoring

Fourth Quarter

PITT — Baldwin 60-yard pass from Stull (Lee kick) 14:01
NAVY — Dobbs 4-yard run (Harmon kick) 0:20

Team Stats	**PITT**	**NAVY**
First Downs	22	12
Rushes-Yards	42-244	47-194
Comp-Att-Int	15-23-2	4-8-1
Passing Yards	255	57
Total Yards	499	251
Punt Returns-Yards	3-4	1-3
Kick Returns-Yards	4-88	6-101
Interceptions-Yards	1-0	2-91
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	1-1
Punts-Average	2-37.5	5-36.4
Penalties-Yards	4-30	4-37
Third Down Conv.	9-13	6-13
Fourth Down Conv.	0-0	1-2
Sacks By-Yards	1-4	2-3
Possession Time	33:00	27:00

Rushing
PITT — McCoy 18-156, 3 TD; Collins 9-50; Stephens-Howling 8-34, 2 TD; Harris 3-6; Hynoski 1-3; Team 1-(-2); Stull 2-(-3).
NAVY — Bryant 21-81, 1 TD; White 10-70, 1 TD; Dobbs 5-15, 1 TD; Kettani 8-13; Shinego 2-12; Finnerty 1-3.

Passing
PITT — Stull 15-23-2, 255 yards, 1 TD.
NAVY — Bryant 3-7-1, 18 yards; Dobbs 1-1-0, 39 yards.

Receiving
PITT — Baldwin 3-101, 1 TD; Porter 3-42; McCoy 2-46; Kinder 2-23; McGee 2-13; Dickerson 1-16; Collins 1-8; Pelusi 1-6.
NAVY — Washington 2-46; Barnes 2-11.

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Game 7: Rutgers 54, #17/20 Pitt 34

Oct. 25, 2008 • Heinz Field • 51,161

GAME NOTES: Pitt's five-game winning streak was halted by a potent Rutgers passing game in a 54-34 loss at Heinz Field...Mike Teel threw for 361 yards and six TDs on only 14 completions...LeSean McCoy had his fourth consecutive 100-yard game with 146 yards...McCoy rushed for a career-high four TDs, the most by a Pitt player in eight years...Pitt (5-2, 2-1) lost QB Bill Stull to a stinger/concussion in the third period...Stull threw for 279 yards on 16-of-22 passing...Rutgers (3-5, 2-2) defeated Pitt for the fourth consecutive year...the 54 points were the most surrendered by Pitt since 2003.

RUTGERS	14	20	14	6	54
PITT	7	17	7	3	34

First Quarter

PITT — McCoy 33-yard run (Lee kick) 13:36
RUTGERS — Brown 60-yard pass from Teel (Te kick) 12:41
RUTGERS — Britt 79-yard pass from Teel (Te kick) 6:09

Second Quarter

RUTGERS — Britt 7-yard pass from Teel (kick blocked) 14:04
PITT — McCoy 22-yard run (Lee kick) 12:53
RUTGERS — Britt 26-yard pass from Teel (Te kick) 10:34
PITT — McCoy 1-yard run (Lee kick) 8:45
RUTGERS — Brock 3-yard pass from Teel (Te kick) 5:26
PITT — Lee 43-yard field goal 1:14

Third Quarter

PITT — McCoy 1-yard run (Lee kick) 8:58
RUTGERS — Brown 36-yard pass from Teel (Te kick) 7:37
RUTGERS — Young 8-yard run (Te kick) 0:31

Fourth Quarter

PITT — Lee 40-yard field goal 11:16
RUTGERS — Young 4-yard run (kick blocked) 5:26

Team Stats	**RUTGERS**	**PITT**
First Downs	20	20
Rushes-Yards	30-71	34-138
Comp-Att-Int	15-24-1	22-34-1
Passing Yards	371	348
Total Yards	442	486
Punt Returns-Yards	1-3	1-0
Kick Returns-Yards	7-125	9-173
Interceptions-Yards	1-74	1-0
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	2-1
Punts-Average	3-50.0	2-39.0
Penalties-Yards	8-60	4-46
Third Down Conv.	5-10	4-14
Fourth Down Conv.	1-1	0-2
Sacks By-Yards	4-23	3-25
Possession Time	27:13	32:47

Rushing
RU — Young 20-83, 2 TD; Brooks 1-9; Brown 1-3; Natale 2-1; Team 2-(-4); Teel 4-(-21).
PITT — McCoy 26-146, 4 TD; Stephens-Howling 3-13; Stull 3-(-6); Bostick 2-(-15).

Passing
RU — Teel 14-21-1, 361 yards, 6 TD; Natale 1-2-0, 10 yards; Young 0-1-0, 0 yards.
PITT — Stull 16-22-0, 279 yards; Bostick 6-11-1, 69 yards; Janocko 0-1-0, 0 yards.

Receiving
RU — Britt 5-143, 3 TD; Brown 4-132, 2 TD; Underwood 3-45; Graves 1-32; Campbell 1-16; Brock 1-3, 1 TD.
PITT — Baldwin 5-81; Porter 4-109; McCoy 3-34; Kinder 2-27; Collins 2-26; McGee 2-13; Byham 1-34; Stephens-Howling 1-9; Dickerson 1-8; Turner 1-7.

Game 8: Pitt 36, Notre Dame 33 (4OT)

Nov. 1, 2008 • Notre Dame Stadium • 80,795

GAME NOTES: In the longest game in school history, Pitt won in four OTs, 36-33...Conor Lee's 22-yard FG provided the winning points...Lee set Pitt records for single-game field goals (five) and kick scoring (18) and became Pitt's career field goals leader (46)...Pitt (6-2) won for the second straight time at Notre Dame (5-3), also winning on a field goal in 2004 (41-38)...Pitt last won in back-to-back trips to ND in 1983 and '86...QB Pat Bostick started in place of injured Bill Stull...LeSean McCoy rushed for 100 yards for the fifth consecutive game (169), giving him 1,004 for the year...Pitt improved to 6-6 all-time in OT.

PITT	3	0	7	14	12	36
NOTRE DAME	3	14	0	7	9	33

First Quarter

ND — Walker 39-yard field goal 9:38
PITT — Lee 35-yard field goal 5:58

Second Quarter

ND — Floyd 18-yard pass from Clausen (Walker kick) 1:27
ND — Floyd 4-yard pass from Clausen (Walker kick) 0:04

Third Quarter

PITT — Stephens-Howling 4-yard run (Lee kick) 10:55

Fourth Quarter

PITT — McCoy 1-yard run (Lee kick) 11:03
ND — Tate 6-yard pass from Clausen (Walker kick) 5:38
PITT — Baldwin 10-yard pass from Bostick (Lee kick) 2:22

Overtime

PITT — Lee 22-yard field goal
ND — Walker 22-yard field goal
ND — Walker 26-yard field goal
PITT — Lee 32-yard field goal
PITT — Lee 26-yard field goal
ND — Walker 48-yard field goal
PITT — Lee 22-yard field goal

Team Stats	**PITT**	**ND**
First Downs	17	20
Rushes-Yards	47-178	39-115
Comp-Att-Int	15-30-3	23-44-0
Passing Yards	168	271
Total Yards	346	386
Punt Returns-Yards	3-33	1-(-1)
Kick Returns-Yards	4-74	5-91
Interceptions-Yards	0-0	3-47
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Punts-Average	4-36.8	5-30.4
Penalties-Yards	8-53	6-60
Third Down Conv.	5-17	7-19
Fourth Down Conv.	3-3	0-2
Sacks By-Yards	1-6	2-11
Possession Time	31:16	28:44

Rushing
PITT — McCoy 32-169, 1 TD; Stephens-Howling 8-23, 1 TD; Collins 1-4; Kinder 1-1; Smith 1-(-3); Wright 1-(-4); Bostick 3-(-12).
ND — Allen 19-73; Aldridge 8-25; Hughes 8-25; Team 1-(-2); Clausen 3-(-6).

Passing
PITT — Bostick 14-27-3, 164 yards, 1 TD; Smith 1-3-0, 4 yards.
ND — Clausen 23-44-0, 271 yards, 3 TD.

Receiving
PITT — Turner 2-42; Baldwin 2-31, 1 TD; McCoy 2-23; Kinder 2-10; Pelusi 2-7; Porter 1-37; Stephens-Howling 1-14; McGee 1-4; Dickerson 1-2; Byham 1-(-2).
ND — Floyd 10-100, 2 TD; Tate 6-111, 1 TD; Allen 3-13; Rudolph 2-26; Kamara 2-21.

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Game 9: #25 Pitt 41, Louisville 7

Nov. 8, 2008 • Heinz Field • 44,055

GAME NOTES: Pitt (7-2, 3-1) snapped a seven-game losing skid vs. Louisville...the Panthers' last win in the series was in 1983...Pitt's final two scores came by the defense, a three-yard fumble return by Ricky Gary and 18-yard INT return by Scott McKillop...Louisville (5-4, 1-3) had five turnovers on the day while Pitt had zero...the Cardinals were held to single-digit scoring for only the third time since 2003...LeSean McCoy scored his 16th TD of the year, but was held to a career-low 39 yards...QB Bill Stull, back after suffering a concussion vs. Rutgers, picked up the slack with 216 yards passing with a TD and no INTs...the win moved Pitt into a first-place tie with Cincinnati and West Virginia in the Big East standings.

LOUISVILLE	0	0	7	0	7
PITT	10	7	3	21	41

First Quarter
PITT — Lee 30-yard field goal 9:01
PITT — Wright 7-yard run (Lee kick) 4:12

Second Quarter
PITT — Turner 26-yard pass from Stull (Lee kick) 3:30

Third Quarter
PITT — Lee 19-yard field goal 6:25
UL — Pascley 30-yard pass from Cantwell (Payne kick) 4:42

Fourth Quarter
PITT — McCoy 11-yard run (Lee kick) 11:19
PITT — Gary 3-yard fumble return (Lee kick) 8:19
PITT — McKillop 18-yard interception return (Lee kick) 7:29

Team Stats	**UL**	**PITT**
First Downs	17	14
Rushes-Yards	30-96	34-90
Comp-Att-Int	19-38-2	16-28-0
Passing Yards	203	230
Total Yards	299	320
Punt Returns-Yards	4-12	3-33
Kick Returns-Yards	8-109	2-41
Interceptions-Yards	0-0	2-18
Fumbles-Lost	4-3	1-0
Punts-Average	7-44.0	7-42.3
Penalties-Yards	5-45	6-58
Third Down Conv.	7-17	3-15
Fourth Down Conv.	0-2	2-2
Sacks By-Yards	0-0	3-19
Possession Time	26:04	33:56

Rushing
UL — Anderson 17-73; Bolen 4-18; Guy 2-17; Powell 2-15; Simms 1-(-5); Cantwell 4-(-22).
PITT — McCoy 17-39, 1 TD; Wright 2-27, 1 TD; Kinder 1-8; Stephens-Howling 2-7; Baldwin 1-4; Harris 3-3; Collier 2-2; Porter 1-2; Collins 3-1; Team 2-(-3).

Passing
UL — Cantwell 15-28-1, 164 yards, 1 TD; Simms 4-10-1, 39 yards.
PITT — Stull 15-27-0, 216 yards, 1 TD; McCoy 1-1-0, 14 yards.

Receiving
UL — Beaumont 5-65; Pascley 3-49, 1 TD; Vaughn 3-37; Guy 3-31; Burns 3-15; Anderson 1-4; Powell 1-2.
PITT — Kinder 4-30; Porter 3-35; Baldwin 2-80; Pelusi 2-24; Turner 1-26, 1 TD; McGee 1-12; Dickerson 1-11; Byham 1-7; McCoy 1-5.

Game 10: #20/19 Pitt, #19/20 Cincinnati

Nov. 22, 2008 • Nippert Stadium • 35,098

GAME NOTES: Pitt lost to host Cincinnati, 28-21, in a battle of Top 20 teams...the Panthers (7-3, 3-2) suffered their first defeat in eight all-time meetings with the Bearcats (9-2, 5-1)...Pitt's five-game road win streak was also snapped...UC's Tony Pike completed 81% of his passes (26 of 32) for 309 yards and three TDs...the Bearcats produced two 100-yard receivers in Mardy Gilyard (110 yards) and Dominick Goodman (101)... Pitt went up 7-0 on the game's opening drive but would surrender 28 unanswered points before rallying in the final 10 minutes...the Panthers blocked two kicks (a field goal by Greg Williams and punt by Andrew Taglianetti) giving them a school-record nine on the year...Pitt gave up a season-high seven sacks and was just 2 of 10 on third down.

PITT	7	0	0	14	21
CINCINNATI	0	14	7	7	28

First Quarter
PITT — McCoy 6-yard run (Lee kick) 9:20

Second Quarter
UC — Barnett 20-yard pass from Pike (Rogers kick) 14:09
UC — Goodman 4-yard pass from Pike (Rogers kick) 3:33

Third Quarter
UC — Gilyard 39-yard pass from Pike (Rogers kick) 12:18

Fourth Quarter
UC — Ramsey 2-yard run (Rogers kick) 14:16
PITT — McCoy 16-yard run (Lee kick) 10:12
PITT — Dickerson 41-yard pass from Stull (Lee kick) 1:22

Team Stats	**PITT**	**UC**
First Downs	15	22
Rushes-Yards	26-35	38-87
Comp-Att-Int	18-29-1	26-32-0
Passing Yards	229	309
Total Yards	264	396
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kick Returns-Yards	5-105	3-66
Interceptions-Yards-TDs	0-0	1-45
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	3-1
Punts-Average	6-40.2	2-30.0
Penalties-Yards	7-50	5-46
Third Down Conv.	2-10	6-12
Fourth Down Conv.	0-0	1-3
Sacks By-Yards	2-12	7-41
Possession Time	25:13	34:47

Rushing
PITT — McCoy 17-82, 2 TDs; McGee 1-(-5); Stull 8-(-42).
UC — Pike 9-33; Goebel 11-29; Ramsey 18-25, 1 TD.

Passing
PITT — Stull 18-28-1, 229 yards, 1 TD; Team 0-1-0, 0 yards.
UC — Pike 26-32-0, 309 yards, 3 TD.

Receiving
PITT — McCoy 6-45; McGee 3-36; Porter 3-34; Dickerson 1-41, 1 TD; Baldwin 1-22; Turner 1-21; Collins 1-12; Byham 1-12; Kinder 1-6.
UC — Gilyard 8-110, 1 TD; Goodman 7-101, 1 TD; Barnett 3-43, 1 TD; Ramsey 3-19; Guidugli 2-8; Woods 1-13; Goebel 1-9; Alli 1-6.

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Game 11: Pitt 19, West Virginia 15

Nov. 28, 2008 • Heinz Field • 63,019

GAME NOTES: Pitt rallied from a 15-7 deficit with two TDs in the final eight minutes to win the 101st Backyard Brawl...it was Pitt's (8-3, 4-2) fifth victory when facing a fourth-quarter deficit this year...LeSean McCoy rushed for a career-high 183 yards...his two TDs gave him 35 for his career, eclipsing WR Larry Fitzgerald's previous Pitt record for TDs as a freshman and sophomore (34)...Jovani Chappel's INT sparked the rally, putting Pitt at the WVU 16 with 8:39 left...McCoy scored a five-yard TD two plays later to pull Pitt within 15-13...his one-yard TD with 52 seconds left gave Pitt the lead for good...Dom DeCicco also had an interception...Pitt defeated West Virginia (7-4, 4-2) for the second consecutive year...the Panthers limited WVU to one offensive touchdown for the second straight game...Pitt won eight games for the first time since 2004.

WVU	0	3	9	3	15
PITT	7	0	0	12	19

First Quarter

PITT — Kinder 30-yard pass from Stull (Lee kick) 12:50

Second Quarter

WVU — McAfee 20-yard field goal 4:27

Third Quarter

WVU — McAfee 26-yard field goal 9:42
WVU — White 54-yard run (Connolly rush failed) 6:05

Fourth Quarter

WVU — McAfee 40-yard field goal 11:53
PITT — McCoy 5-yard run (Stull rush failed) 8:07
PITT — McCoy 1-yard run (Stull pass failed) 0:52

Team Stats	**WVU**	**PITT**
First Downs	13	23
Rushes-Yards	32-157	44-190
Comp-Att-Int	15-28-2	12-23-2
Passing Yards	143	156
Total Yards	300	346
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	3-22
Kick Returns-Yards	4-78	5-117
Interceptions-Yards	2-11	2-14
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Punts-Average	5-47.6	4-39.0
Penalties-Yards	5-56	5-40
Third Down Conv.	3-14	3-9
Fourth Down Conv.	1-2	0-1
Sacks By-Yards	2-13	0-0
Possession Time	28:11	31:49

Rushing
WVU — White 12-93, 1 TD; Sanders 4-37; Devine 12-17; Rodgers 3-11; Team 1-(-1).
PITT — McCoy 33-183, 2 TD; Collins 3-17; Stephens-Howling 5-6; Wright 1-(-3); Stull 2-(-13).

Passing
WVU — White 15-28-2, 143 yards.
PITT — Stull 12-23-2, 156 yards, 1 TD.

Receiving
WVU — Starks 4-38; Arnett 3-36; Devine 3-6; Sanders 2-14; Jalloh 1-21; Kovatch 1-19; Lyons 1-9.
PITT — Byham 4-69; Porter 2-20; McCoy 2-17; Kinder 1-30, 1 TD; Turner 1-12; Baldwin 1-4; Stephens-Howling 1-4.

Game 12: #23/23 Pitt 34; Connecticut 10

Dec. 6, 2008 • Rentschler Field • 39,535

GAME NOTES: Pitt clinched a berth in the Brut Sun Bowl with a 34-10 rout at Connecticut...a 24-point third quarter proved decisive in the result...it was Pitt's first win at UConn's Rentschler Field in three tries... Pitt improved to 9-3 (5-2 Big East), its first nine-win regular season since 1982...the nine wins were Pitt's most overall since 2002...the Panthers had five interceptions, including two by LB Greg Williams, who completed the scoring with a 20-yard TD return...the five picks were Pitt's most in a game since 2002...UConn completed only six passes on the day...Conor Lee kicked two field goals, giving him a single-season Pitt record 20, eclipsing Carson Long's mark of 18 set in 1976....the win snapped a two-game series losing streak to Connecticut (7-5, 3-4)...the Sun Bowl invite was made in the Panthers' locker room following the game, marking their first bowl berth since the 2004 Fiesta Bowl season.

PITT	0	3	24	7	34
UCONN	0	3	7	0	10

First Quarter

No scoring

Second Quarter

PITT — Lee 21-yard field goal 11:35
UCONN — Teggart 45-yard field goal 5:30

Third Quarter

PITT — McCoy 47-yard run (Lee kick) 9:52
PITT — Lee 21-yard field goal 6:24
UCONN — Brown 57-yard run 4:29
PITT — Kinder 61-yard pass from Stull (Lee kick) 4:11
PITT — Byham 28-yard pass from Stull (Lee kick) 0:08

Fourth Quarter

PITT — Greg Williams 20-yard interception return (Lee kick) 6:46

Team Stats	**PITT**	**UCONN**
First Downs	9	16
Rushes-Yards	34-87	44-225
Comp-Att-Int	10-19-1	6-31-5
Passing Yards	141	80
Total Yards	228	305
Punt Returns-Yards	3-45	2-0
Kick Returns-Yards	3-53	7-109
Interceptions-Yards-TDs	5-116	1-27
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	0-0
Punts-Average	7-36.4	7-31.9
Penalties-Yards	5-39	3-20
Third Down Conv.	3-13	4-19
Fourth Down Conv.	0-0	0-1
Sacks By-Yards	1-1	0-0
Possession Time	27:32	32:28

Rushing
PITT — McCoy 24-95, 1 TD; Harris 6-12; Collins 1-(-3), Stull 3-(-17).
UCONN — Brown 34-189, 1 TD; Lorenzen 5-18; Todman 3-14; Frey 1-5; Frazer 1-(-1).

Passing
PITT — Stull 10-18-1, 141 yards, 2 TD; McCoy 0-1-0.
UCONN — Lorenzen 6-27-2, 80 yards; Frazer 0-4-3, 0 yards.

Receiving
PITT — Kinder 4-87, 1 TD; McCoy 3-3; Byham 1-28, 1 TD; Baldwin 1-18; Porter 1-5.
UCONN — Easley 2-52; Moore 2-9; Hernandez 1-15; Sherman 1-4.

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Individual Marks

RUSHING

200+ yards rushing:
221, LaRod Stephens-Howling vs. Syracuse, 10-7-06.
(27 att., 1 TD).

300+ yards rushing:
303 yards, Tony Dorsett vs. Notre Dame, 11-15-75 (23 att., 1 TD).

30+ Rushing attempts:
33, LeSean McCoy vs. West Virginia, 11-28-08 (183 yds., 2 TDs).

2 Players w/100 yards rushing:
10-20-07 vs. Cincinnati, LeSean McCoy (137) and
LaRod Stephens-Howling (100).

100-yard rusher and 300-yard passer:
9-25-04 vs. Furman, Raymond Kirkley (108) and Tyler Palko (380).

200-yard rusher, 200-yard receiver and 300-yard passer:
10-21-00 vs. Boston College, Kevan Barlow (209),
Antonio Bryant (222), and John Turman (332).

50+yard TD Run:
58, LeSean McCoy vs. Navy, 10-18-08.

60+yard TD Run:
64, LeSean McCoy vs. Michigan State, 9-15-07.

70+yard TD Run:
70, LaRod Stephens-Howling vs. Syracuse, 10-7-06.

80+yard TD Run:
85, David Priestley vs. East Tennessee State, 9-1-01.

3+ touchdowns rushing:
4, LeSean McCoy vs. Rutgers, 10-25-08.

4+ touchdowns rushing:
4, LeSean McCoy vs. Rutgers, 10-25-08.

PASSING

25+ pass completions:
29, Bill Stull vs. Bowling Green, 8-30-08.
(51 att., 264 yds., 1 TD, 1 INT)

40+ pass attempts:
51, Bill Stull vs. Bowling Green, 8-30-08.
(29 comp., 264 yds., 1 TD, 1 INT)

60+ yard TD pass:
61, vs. Connecticut, 12-6-08, Bill Stull to Derek Kinder.

70+ yard TD pass:
80, vs. Cincinnati, 9-8-06, Tyler Palko to Derek Kinder.

300+ yards passing:
307, Tyler Palko vs. Louisville, 11-25-06.
(50 att., 31 comp., 1 TD, 3 INTs)

100+ yards rushing and 100+ yards passing (one player):
11-3-73 vs. Syracuse, Billy Daniels, 165 rushing and 121 passing.

RECEIVING

10+ receptions:
11, Derek Kinder vs. Louisville, 11-25-06.

60+ yard TD reception:
61, vs. Connecticut, 12-6-08, Bill Stull to Derek Kinder.

70+ yard TD reception:
80, vs. Cincinnati, 9-8-06, Tyler Palko to Derek Kinder.

150+ yards receiving:
172, Derek Kinder vs. Cincinnati, 9-8-06 (3 rec., 2 TDs).

200+ yards receiving:
207, Larry Fitzgerald vs. Rutgers, 10-18-03 (8 rec., 2 TDs).

2 players w/100 yards receiving:
12-4-04 vs. South Florida, Greg Lee (153) and Erik Gill (126).

3 touchdowns receiving:
Greg Lee vs. South Florida, 12-4-04.

4 touchdowns receiving:
Billy Davis vs. Rutgers, 11-19-94.

MISCELLANEOUS

50+ yard field goal:
54 yards, David Merrick vs. Texas, 9-3-94.

3+ field goals:
5, Conor Lee vs. Notre Dame, 11-1-08.

60+ yard punt:
60 yards, Dave Brytus vs. Iowa, 9-20-08.

Safety by Pitt:
vs. The Citadel, 9-23-06, high snap goes out of end zone.

Blocked FG:
Greg Williams vs. Cincinnati, 11-22-08.

Blocked PAT:
Greg Romeus vs. Rutgers (twice), 10-25-08.

Blocked punt:
Mike Toerper vs. Connecticut, 12-6-08.

Player with Two Interceptions (same game):
Greg Williams vs. Connecticut, 12-6-08.

Interception for TD:
Greg Williams vs. Connecticut, 12-6-08, 20 yds.

Two Interceptions for TDs (same game):
Darrelle Revis (19 yards) followed by Clint Session (78 yards)
vs. Virginia, 9-2-06.

Fumble return for TD:
Ricky Gary vs. Louisville, 11-8-08, 3 yds.

Two Defensive TDs (same game):
Ricky Gary, 3-yard fumble return, followed by Scott McKillop,
18-yard interception return, vs. Louisville, 11-8-08.

Kickoff return for TD:
Lowell Robinson vs. UCF, 10-13-06, 97 yards.

Punt return for TD:
Darrelle Revis vs. West Virginia, 11-16-06, 73 yards.

Blocked FG return for TD:
Bernard "Josh" Lay vs. Connecticut, 11-12-05, 71 yards.

Blocked punt return for TD:
Billy Davis vs. Minnesota, 9-28-91, 13 yards.

2-point conversion (rushing):
Tim Murphy vs. Notre Dame, 9-3-05.

2-point conversion (passing):
Bill Stull to Jonathan Baldwin vs. Syracuse, 9-27-08.

Defensive 2-point conversion:
Doug Hetzler returned PAT attempt vs. Syracuse, 9-22-90.

Player to Throw, Catch and Rush for a TD (same game):
Jawan Walker vs. Boston College, 11-1-03 (35-yd. pass to Larry
Fitzgerald, 47-yd. catch from Rod Rutherford, 3-yd. TD rush).

Team Marks

MISCELLANEOUS

300+ yards rushing:
351 yards vs. Kent State, 9-18-99.

Failed to gain 100+ yards rushing:
87 yards vs. Connecticut, 12-6-08 (34 att.).

300+ yards passing:
348 yards vs. Rutgers, 10-25-08
(34 att., 22 comp., 0 TDs, 1 INT).

Failed to gain 100+ yards passing:
67 yards vs. West Virginia, 12-1-07 (19 att., 10 comp., 0 TD, 2 INT).

100+ yards in penalties:
101 yards vs. Virginia, 9-29-07 (11 penalties).

10+ penalties:
11 vs. Virginia, 9-29-07 (101 yards).

Shutout:
24-0 vs. Connecticut, 11-12-05.

Was Shut Out:
45-0 vs. Miami, 9-28-06

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Individual Marks

RUSHING

200+ yards rushing:
220, Pat White, West Virginia 11-16-06 (22 att., 2 TDs).
215, Steve Slaton, West Virginia 11-16-06 (23 att., 2 TDs).

2 players with 100+ yards rushing:
West Virginia 11-16-06:
220, Pat White, West Virginia 11-16-06 (22 att., 2 TDs).
215, Steve Slaton, West Virginia 11-16-06 (23 att., 2 TDs).

30+ rushing attempts:
34, Donald Brown, Connecticut, 12-6-08 (189 yards, 1 TD).

100+ yards rushing and 100+ yards passing (one player):
Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada, Navy 10-10-07:
Passing: 166 yards (12 att., 9 comp., 2 TDs, 0 INT).
Rushing: 122 yards (25 att., 1 TD).

50+ yard TD run:
57 yards, Donald Brown (Connecticut), 12-6-08.

3+ touchdowns rushing:
3, Darius Walker (Notre Dame), 9-3-05.

4+ touchdowns rushing:
4, Quincy Wilson (West Virginia), 11-15-03.

PASSING

25+ completions:
26, Tony Pike, Cincinnati, 11-22-08.
(32 att., 309 yds., 3 TDs, 0 INT).

50+ yard TD pass:
60 yards, Rutgers, 10-25-08 (Mike Teel to Tim Brown),
followed by 79 yards, Rutgers, 10-25-08 (Teel to Kenny Britt)

300+ yards passing:
309 yards, Tony Pike, Cincinnati, 11-22-08.
(32 att., 26 comp., 3 TDs, 0 INT).

RECEIVING

10+ receptions:
10, Michael Floyd, Notre Dame, 11-1-08 (100 yards).

50+ yard TD reception:
60 yards, Rutgers, 10-25-08 (Mike Teel to Tim Brown),
followed by 79 yards, Rutgers, 10-25-08 (Teel to Kenny Britt)

150+ yards receiving:
198, Paris Warren, Utah (Tostitos Fiesta Bowl), 1-1-05 (15 rec.).

2 players with 100-yards receiving:
Cincinnati, 11-22-08:
Mardy Gilyard, 110 yards (8 rec., 1 TD).
Dominick Goodman, 101 yards (7 rec., 1 TD).

Team Marks

MISCELLANEOUS

Opponent failed to register a TD:
9-1-07, Eastern Michigan (Pitt won 27-3).

Safety by opponent:
12-1-07, West Virginia, Pitt's Dave Brytus takes intentional safety to end game.

Opponent punt return for TD:
Willie Foster, Rutgers, 9-30-05 (71 yards).

Opponent kickoff return for TD:
Mike Holmes, Syracuse, 9-27-08 (90 yards).

Opponent fumble recovery for TD:
Deon Palmer, Louisville, 11-3-05 (recovered in end zone).

Opponent interception for TD:
South Florida, 11-24-07:
Nate Allen (37 yards) followed by Trae Williams (21 yards).

Opponent returned two interceptions for TDs:
South Florida, 11-24-07:
Nate Allen (37 yards) followed by Trae Williams (21 yards).

Opponent TD off blocked punt:
Charlton Sinclair, USF, 10-2-08 (26 yards).

Opponent TD off blocked FG:
Ronyell Whitaker, Virginia Tech, 11-3-01 (71 yards).

Opponent Defensive 2-Point Conversion:
Matt Taffoni, West Virginia, interception return, 10-15-94

Team gained 300+ yards passing:
309 yards, Cincinnati, 11-22-08 (32 att., 26 comp., 3 TDs, 0 INT).

Team gained 300+ yards rushing:
331 yards, Navy, 10-10-07 (70 att., 4 TDs).

Team failed to gain 100+ yards rushing:
87 yards, Cincinnati, 11-22-08 (38 att.).

Team failed to gain 75+ yards rushing:
71 yards, Rutgers, 10-25-08 (30 att.).

Team failed to gain 50+ yards rushing:
30 yards, Syracuse, 11-3-07 (31 att.).

Team failed to gain 25+ yards rushing:
8 yards, Oregon State (Insight Bowl), 12-26-02 (32 att.).

Team held to negative yards rushing:
-3 yards, Rutgers, 9-21-02 (28 att.).

Team failed to gain 100+ pass yards:
80 yards, Connecticut, 12-6-08 (31 att., 6 comp., 0 TD, 5 INTs).

Team failed to gain 100 yards in total offense
97 yards, Akron, 10-3-98 (57 rushing, 40 yards passing).

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Pitt Streaks, Milestones and Overtime Games

Undefeated/Failed to Win

Undefeated:
1976, 12-0.
Undefeated, Home:
1980, 6-0.
Undefeated, Road
1987, 4-0.
Failed To Win A Game
0-8-1, 1903.
Failed To Win, Home
1993, 0-6.
Failed To Win, Road
2005, 0-5.

Winning & Losing Streaks

Longest Winning Streak
31, 1914-1918: 1914 (2), 1915 (8), 1916 (8), 1917 (9), 1918 (4).
Longest Win Streak (Home)
29, 1914-1919: 1914 (2), 1915 (6), 1916 (6), 1917 (7), 1918 (4), 1919 (4).
Longest Win Streak (Road)
10, 1913-1917: 1913 (1), 1914 (3), 1915 (2), 1916 (2), 1917 (2).
Longest Losing Streak
10, 1950-51: 1950 (3), 1951 (7); 1971-72: 1971 (3), 1972 (7); 1995-96: 1995 (9), 1996 (1).
Longest Losing Streak (Home)
9, 1992-93: 1992 (3), 1993 (6).
Longest Losing Streak (Road)
19, 1942-47: 1942 (4), 1943 (2), 1944 (3), 1945 (2), 1946 (3), 1947 (5).

Shutouts

Shutout:
24-0 vs. Connecticut, 11-12-05.
Was Shut Out:
45-0, vs. Miami, 9-28-96.
Most Consecutive Shutouts
11, 1910 (9) thru 1911 (2).
Most Shutouts Season
9, 1904, 1905 &1910.
Most Consecutive Shutouts (Home)
10, 1910 (9) – 1911 (1)
Most Consecutive Shutouts (Road)
3, 1908-10
Pitt 13 – St. Louis 0, 1908
Pitt 0 – WVU 0, 1909
Pitt 18 – Westminster 0, 1910
1920-21
Pitt 47 – Geneva 0, 1920
Pitt 28 – Geneva 0, 1921
Pitt 28 – Penn 0, 1921
1929-30
Pitt 40 – Allegheny 0, 1929
Pitt 52 – Waynesburg 0, 1930
Pitt 14 – Syracuse 0, 1930
1932-33
Pitt 0 – Nebraska 0, 1932
Pitt 21 – WVU 0, 1933
Pitt 37 – Centre 0, 1933

All-Time OT Games

All-Time OT Games: 12 (6-6)
2OT Games: 5 (1-4)
3OT Games: 1 (1-0)
4OT Games: 1 (1-0)

Date	Opponent	Result
Sept. 14, 1996	Houston	L, 42-35
Oct. 25, 1997	at Rutgers	W, 55-48 (2OT)
Nov. 28, 1997	at West Virginia	W, 41-38 (3OT)
Oct. 7, 2000	at Syracuse	L, 24-17 (2OT)
Oct. 26, 2002	Boston College	W, 19-16
Sept. 25, 2004	Furman	W, 41-38
Oct. 16, 2004	Boston College	W, 20-17
Nov. 6, 2004	at Syracuse	L, 38-31 (2OT)
Sept. 9, 2005	at Ohio	L, 16-10
Nov. 11, 2006	at Connecticut	L, 46-45 (2OT)
Oct. 10, 2007	Navy	L, 48-45 (2OT)
Nov. 1, 2008	at Notre Dame	W, 36-33 (4OT)

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Rose Bowl • Jan. 2, 1928
Pasadena, Calif., The Rose Bowl

STANFORD	0	0	7	0	—	7
PITTSBURGH	0	0	6	0	—	6

Pitt's first bowl trip resembled a politician's whistle-stop tour—wherever Pitt was at lunchtime during its trek west, it practiced. The routine was simple: deboard the train around 11:15; explore the day's town until noon; lunch at 12; walk lunch off, then practice; reboard the train. So it was that Pitt practiced in Dodge City, Albuquerque and Winslow, Arizona, on the way to Pasadena. The game had a sentimental storyline: the coach against his mentor. Panther Head Coach John B. "Jock" Sutherland had played for Stanford Coach Glenn "Pop" Warner when the latter was at Pitt. Amidst all that, the game, although close, was controlled by Stanford. Pitt grabbed a 6-0 third-quarter lead when Jimmy Hagan scooped up a Cardinal fumble and ran 20 yards for a touchdown. The extra point was missed. Stanford, which made several marches deep into Pitt territory, finally scored on an unusual play. On fourth-and-goal at the two, Stanford quarterback Biff Hoffman completed a pass to Bob Sims, but it was short of the goal line. Sims was hit and fumbled, but Frank Wilton picked up the loose ball and carried it in to tie the game. Hoffman's extra point won it, 7-6. Pitt, a slight favorite entering the game, mustered very little offense in its first of four Rose Bowl games.

Rose Bowl • Jan. 1, 1930
Pasadena, Calif., The Rose Bowl

USC	13	13	14	7	—	47
PITTSBURGH	0	0	7	7	—	14

If vintage football films give you the impression that the game of the 20s and 30s was run, run, and run again, think again. USC's Trojans bombed Pitt with an all-out passing attack. The game started on a bright note for "Jock" Sutherland's team when Toby Uansa rushed 68 yards on Pitt's first play. Pitt failed to score, then the walls caved in. Gaius Shaver connected with Henry Edelson for a 55-yard touchdown. Later in the quarter, Shaver hit Ernest Pinckert for a 28-yard score, capitalizing on a Pitt fumble. Another fumble led to USC's third touchdown, a short run which opened the score to 19-0. Two Jesses set up the Trojans' next score when Jesse Mortensen and Jesse Hill teamed for a 51-yard pass play. Russell Saunders helped convert a USC interception into a 33-0 lead with his 13-yard scoring run. Pitt finally broke through in the third quarter when Uansa threw a 28-yard pass to William Wallinchus. Southern Cal sandwiched two more long touchdown passes (38 and 62 yards) around a Tom Parkinson-to-Paul Collins 36-yard TD pass for Pitt to arrive at the final score. In all, the Trojans scored the most points against Pitt since 1903. It would be Sutherland's second-worst margin of defeat in his 15 seasons at Pitt; the worst would come three years later, also against USC in the Rose Bowl.

Rose Bowl • Jan. 2, 1933
Pasadena, Calif., The Rose Bowl

USC	7	0	7	21	—	35
PITTSBURGH	0	0	0	0	—	0

Pitt's coach, John B. "Jock" Sutherland, would try a new ploy after two Rose Bowl losses, so he took the team to Tucson to practice for its first Rose Bowl win. Instead Sutherland suffered the worst loss in his Pitt career. It was the first time since 1928 that Pitt was shut out and actually lost the game; it had played four scoreless ties since a 6-0 loss to Carnegie Tech. With 83,000 in attendance, the Panthers stayed close until the fourth quarter before collapsing. USC's Homer Griffith threw, and later caught, a touchdown pass as the Trojans built a 14-0 lead through three quarters. After Irvine Warburton scored to make the score 21-0, Pitt fumbled the kickoff, and Warburton scored again shortly thereafter. A blocked punt set up the final touchdown. Several Panthers were singled out by the crowd with standing ovations: ends Ted Dailey and Joe Skladany, guard Charles Hartwig, and back Warren Heller, who rushed for 63 yards in the final game of his brilliant Pitt career.

Rose Bowl • Jan. 1, 1937
Pasadena, Calif., The Rose Bowl

WASHINGTON	0	0	0	0	—	0
PITTSBURGH	7	0	7	7	—	21

"Jock" Sutherland was intent on winning the Rose Bowl in his fourth try. To that end, Pitt spent two weeks working out on the west coast, for Sutherland was not going to accept 0-4 in Rose Bowl play. His tactics worked, and captain Bobby LaRue led Pitt to a 21-0 victory. LaRue's running set up the first touchdown of the game, which, fittingly, he scored. LaRue's 50-yard run in the third quarter, which would have gone 75 yards for the touchdown if not for a diving tackle, set up Frank Patrick's touchdown. Pitt led, 14-0, after three quarters. The defense added a late touchdown, returning an interception. So elated was Sutherland that he substituted every player who made the trip, so each could forever relate the experience of playing in a Rose Bowl victory. After four tries, the coach had finally overcome one of the few obstacles in his remarkable career.

Sugar Bowl • Jan. 2, 1956
New Orleans, La., The Sugar Bowl

GEORGIA TECH	7	0	0	0	—	7
PITTSBURGH	0	0	0	0	—	0

A controversial pass interference penalty against Pitt's Bobby Grier, the first black man ever to play in the Sugar Bowl, put Georgia Tech on the doorstep for the game's only touchdown. Pitt, under new Head Coach John Michelosen—the only man in Pitt history to play and coach in bowl games (he was a quarterback on the 1936 Rose Bowl team) —had several chances to tie the game but hit a wall of futility. Grier's penalty gave Tech the ball on the 1, from where Wade Mitchell snuck in for the score. A fumble killed a first-quarter drive, then quarterback Corny Salvaterra was stopped on a fourth-and-goal just before halftime. Pitt's Ray DiPasquale intercepted a pass to squelch a fourth quarter threat by Tech. In the final moments, Pitt made a furious attempt to tie the game. The Panthers, who were penalized twice on the last drive, were on Tech's 5-yard line when time ran out.

Gator Bowl • Dec. 29, 1956
Jacksonville, Fla., The Gator Bowl

GEORGIA TECH	7	7	7	0	—	21
PITTSBURGH	0	7	7	0	—	14

Coach John Michelosen's team had wanted a rematch with Georgia Tech, but the result was the same—a seven-point loss. Pitt outgained Tech by 106 yards, 313-207, but was plagued by turnovers. Georgia Tech converted an early interception into a touchdown and a 7-0 lead. Pitt was stopped on a goal-line stand at the start of the second quarter, and Tech increased its lead late in the quarter with a halfback-option TD pass. Pitt quarterback Corny Salvaterra hit Dick Bowen with a 36-yard scoring pass just before the half, and Pitt trailed, 14-7. Bowen's fumble on the second-half kickoff set up the clinching touchdown. Pitt pulled to within seven on Salvaterra's sneak, but could draw no closer.

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Fiesta Bowl • Dec. 21, 1973
Tempe, Ariz., Sun Devil Stadium

ARIZONA STATE	7	0	3	18	—	28
PITTSBURGH	7	0	0	0	—	7

A new era in Pitt football was ushered in with the Panthers' first bowl appearance in 17 years. Coach-of-the-Year Johnny Majors had revived a struggling program and Pitt was 6-4-1 entering this game. Freshman Tony Dorsett was a big part of the turnaround, rushing for 1,686 yards. Pitt struck first, with Dorsett scoring two plays after Tom Perko recovered Arizona State quarterback Danny White's fumble on the first play of the game. But the Sun Devils, playing on their own field, proved too tough. Woody Green scored four plays after Dorsett's touchdown to tie the game. Arizona State scored three touchdowns in 6:04 of the fourth quarter, and although Pitt blocked all three extra points, the game ended one-sided after being tied at halftime. Dorsett rushed for 100 yards, but Pitt turned the ball over seven times. Both quarterbacks, White and Pitt's Billy Daniels, threw three interceptions, but White completed 14-of-19 for 269 yards. Daniels was 7-20 for just 57 yards.

Sun Bowl • Dec. 26, 1975
El Paso, Texas, Sun Bowl Stadium

KANSAS	0	0	7	12	—	19
PITTSBURGH	7	12	0	14	—	33

A player rushing for 100 yards is impressive. Two players on the same team is remarkable. Three is unheard of, but that is how Pitt knocked off Kansas. Elliott Walker (11 carries for 123 yards, 11.2 average) got the ball rolling with a 60-yard touchdown run in the first quarter. Tony Dorsett (27-142) scored two touchdowns in the second quarter. Pitt had nearly 300 rushing yards at the intermission. Quarterback Robert Haygood ran the veer offense to perfection, rushing for 101 yards (14 carries) when he wasn't busy pitching out to Dorsett. Haygood also connected with Gordon Jones for a touchdown after Walker scored his second of the game. Jones set up his own touchdown with a 63-yard kickoff return. With eight wins, Pitt had its best season since 1963. Dorsett rushed for 1,686 yards on the season, matching his 1973 total.

Sugar Bowl • Jan. 1, 1977
New Orleans, La., The Superdome

GEORGIA	0	0	3	0	—	3
PITTSBURGH	7	14	3	3	—	27

The many remarkable accomplishments Tony Dorsett achieved in his four years at Pitt were punctuated by his role in this win, one that gave Pitt its first national championship in 39 years. Dorsett, quarterback Matt Cavanaugh and a marauding defense just would not be denied in the first indoor Sugar Bowl game. Cavanaugh, named the game's MVP, scored from six yards out to give Pitt a 7-0 lead. The celebration of that touchdown became a Sports Illustrated cover that can be seen at several sites around Pitt's campus. The photo headline simply read: "PITT IS IT!" Gordon Jones turned a short pass into a 59-yard touchdown excursion in the second quarter. Dorsett's 10-yard score late in the half cemented the victory. He was far from through, however. After gaining 65 yards in the first half, the Heisman Trophy winner exploded in the second to finish with a Sugar Bowl record 202 yards rushing, including 67 on one run that set up one of Carson Long's two second-half field goals. The defense created six turnovers, and limited the Bulldogs to 181 yards. Pitt defenders actually caught more Georgia passes than did Georgia receivers (four interceptions, compared to three completions in 22 attempts). Vince Dooley, Georgia's head coach, said this about the 12-0 Panthers: "They proved today they are the best in the country. They have amazing balance; they are the best defensive team we've seen. I think that is obvious. They are also the best offensive team we've faced." Pitt coach Johnny Majors, who completed his four-year stint at Pitt with a 33-13-1 record (after a combined 13-29 mark in the previous four years) was named Coach-of-the-Year for the second time at Pitt.

Gator Bowl • Dec. 30, 1977
Jacksonville, Fla., The Gator Bowl

CLEMSON	0	3	0	0	—	3
PITTSBURGH	10	7	7	10	—	34

Pitt set five Gator Bowl records for offensive proficiency in an astounding demolition of the highly regarded Clemson Tigers. Matt Cavanaugh completed 23-of-36 passes for 387 yards and four touchdowns as Pitt outgained Clemson, 566-268. Three scoring tosses went to fullback Elliott Walker, who joined Tony Dorsett as the second Pitt back ever to rush for 1,000 yards in a season. Gordon Jones scored the other TD on one of his 10 receptions for 163 yards. Cavanaugh threw for 211 yards and two touchdowns in the first half alone. Clemson's vaunted passing combination of Steve Fuller-to-Jerry Butler was rendered ineffective by a Pitt secondary which swooped in for four interceptions, two by senior safety Bob Jury. Cavanaugh, an All-American in 1977, missed part of the season after suffering a broken wrist against Notre Dame in the first game of the year. "I shudder to think what he could have done had he stayed healthy," said Panther Coach Jackie Sherrill, who finished his first year at Pitt with a 9-2-1 mark.

Tangerine Bowl • Dec. 23, 1978
Orlando, Fla., Tangerine Bowl

NC STATE	7	10	3	10	—	30
PITTSBURGH	0	0	3	14	—	17

The Panthers saved their worst performance of the season for this bowl outing with North Carolina State. Primarily a running team in 1978, Pitt attempted to open it up on this night, throwing 48 passes. Four were intercepted, however. The Wolfpack, led by star running back Ted Brown, rolled up a 23-3 fourth quarter lead before Pitt quarterback Rick Trocano tried to bring the Panthers back. An 18-play drive featured four fourth-down conversions, the last of which resulted in a Freddie Jacobs touchdown. Pitt moved to State's 34-yard line with five minutes remaining, but an interception settled the issue. Trocano was intercepted twice more before the game ended, but he also led Pitt to the game's final touchdown. "Execution on our part was our biggest problem," Coach Jackie Sherrill said. "'We didn't play well...and the turnovers hurt us.'' Pitt finished 8-4.

Fiesta Bowl • Dec. 25, 1979
Tempe, Ariz., Sun Devil Stadium

ARIZONA	0	0	3	7	—	10
PITTSBURGH	3	3	7	3	—	16

Pitt finished the 1979 season with a 10-game winning streak, built in part around the arm of freshman quarterback Dan Marino. The season finale came on Christmas Day, with the Panthers rounding out an 11-1 campaign with a 16-10 win over Arizona. The Wildcats, coached by former Pitt radio commentator Tony Mason, threatened of-

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ten but did not score a touchdown until the game's waning moments. Junior cornerback Terry White intercepted two passes. One set up the second of three Mark Schubert field goals; the other allowed Pitt to run out the clock. Two of Schubert's kicks were from 46 yards out. Pitt's only touchdown came after a 12-play drive, with Marino hitting Benjie Pryor from 12 yards out. The last three plays of the drive: Marino to Mike Dombrowski for 34 yards, Marino to Ralph Still for 24 yards, and the touchdown.

Gator Bowl • Dec. 29, 1980
Jacksonville, Fla., The Gator Bowl

S. CAROLINA	0	3	0	6	—	9
PITTSBURGH	10	7	17	3	—	37

Pitt's defense wanted this game badly. Its leader for four years, Hugh Green, finished second in the Heisman Trophy voting behind South Carolina's George Rogers. With the chance to avenge that result, Pitt smothered Gamecocks with a swarming defense and an efficient offense. Rick Trocano and Dan Marino split time at quarterback; each threw a touchdown pass and Trocano added a short TD run. Although Rogers gained 113 yards, his two fumbles were more of a factor in the game than his rushing output. Tom Flynn recovered Rogers' fumble on the first play of the game, leading to Trocano's score. Randy McMillan scored two touchdowns as Pitt rolled to a 37-3 lead. The defense was led by Rickey Jackson, who made 19 tackles (14 solos). Pitt finished the season 11-1.

Sugar Bowl • Jan. 1, 1982
New Orleans, La., The Superdome

GEORGIA	0	7	6	7	—	20
PITTSBURGH	0	3	7	14	—	24

One of the most dramatic finishes in Pitt football history gave Pitt its second Sugar Bowl win over Georgia. Pitt trailed, 20-17, with 42 seconds remaining. It faced a fourth-and-5 at the Bulldog 33. Coach Jackie Sherrill disdained the potential 50-yard field goal attempt. "With five minutes to go I said we were not here to tie, we were here to win," Sherrill said. Dan Marino wanted to throw a short pass to a running back to get the first down, but a Georgia blitz left tight end John Brown in single coverage down the middle. Marino was right on target for the touchdown, his third of the game. The Panther defense limited Herschel Walker to 84 yards on 25 carries.

Cotton Bowl • Jan. 1, 1983
Dallas, Texas, The Cotton Bowl

SMU	0	0	0	7	—	7
PITTSBURGH	0	0	3	0	—	3

The Panthers' season came to a dismal end as Pitt lost to Southern Methodist in the Mustangs' own backyard. Dan Marino, in his last game at Pitt, was plagued by dropped passes on the cold, rainy day. He completed 19-of-37 for 181 yards. Fumbles were the story of the first quarter. Joe McCall lost one at the SMU one-yard line, but Mustang QB Lance McIlhenny returned the favor with a fumble at the Pitt seven. Eric Schubert's missed field goal attempt left the game scoreless at the half. Marino completed five straight short passes to set up Schubert's 43-yard kick which gave Pitt its only points. SMU's "Pony Express" backfield (Eric Dickerson and Craig James) led an 80-yard drive, which McIlhenny capped off with a nine-yard run. Pitt's last chance ended when a Marino pass was tipped and intercepted in the end zone.

Fiesta Bowl • Jan. 2, 1984
Tempe, Ariz., Sun Devil Stadium

OHIO STATE	7	7	0	14	—	28
PITTSBURGH	0	7	0	16	—	23

John Congemi completed a school-record 31 passes for 341 yards, but a late Ohio State touchdown pass spoiled Congemi's, and Pitt's, afternoon. Congemi's second-quarter touchdown pass to tight end Clint Wilson tied the score at 7-7, but the Buckeyes led, 14-7, entering the fourth quarter. Wilson fell on Joe McCall's fumble in the end zone to tie the score early in the fourth quarter. Ohio State's Keith Byars scored his second touchdown by returning the ensuing kickoff 99 yards. Congemi was six-for-six on Pitt's next touchdown drive, which culminated with an 11-yard pass to Dwight Collins. Congemi, who completed 19-of-27 in the second half, had his conversion pass broken up, and Pitt trailed, 21-20. A 17-play drive later in the quarter ended with Snuffy Everett's 37-yard field goal to put the Panthers on top. Quarterback Mike Tomczak led Ohio State back, ending an 89-yard drive with a 39-yard bomb to Thad Jemison, who scored with 39 seconds remaining. Head Coach Foge Fazio's Panthers drove to the Buckeye 24, but could get no further.

Bluebonnet Bowl • Dec. 31, 1987
Houston, Texas, The Astrodome

TEXAS	14	3	3	12	—	32
PITTSBURGH	7	0	7	13	—	27

Despite late heroics from Larry Wanke, Pitt was grounded in this aerial circus, as Texas quarterback Brett Stafford and split end Tony Jones set Bluebonnet Bowl records. The New Year's Eve crowd was treated to an action-packed game from the start. Stafford connected with Jones for a 77-yard touchdown on the first play from scrimmage. Pitt retaliated quickly: Billy Owens returned the kickoff 45 yards, Billy Osborn hit Reggie Williams for 45 more yards on a trick play; then Craig Heyward tied the score with a four-yard burst. Six plays later, the Longhorns took the lead for good as Stafford hit Jones on a short pass that he broke for a 60-yard touchdown. Stafford finished the first quarter with 202 yards passing on the way to a 368-yard night. Jones set records for receiving yards and longest reception. Wanke replaced Darnell Dickerson early in the third quarter after Dickerson suffered a knee injury. Wanke completed 8-of-20 passes for 172 yards and three touchdowns, including two late in the fourth quarter that cut the Longhorns' lead to five. Heyward rushed for 136 yards, winning his personal battle with Texas star Eric Metcalf, who finished with 95 yards rushing. Heyward ended the season with 1,791 yards, the second-best in Pitt history. Pitt finished the year at 8-4, their most successful season since 1983.

John Hancock Bowl
Dec. 30, 1989
El Paso, Texas, Sun Bowl Stadium

TEXAS A&M	7	3	12	6	—	28
PITTSBURGH	7	10	7	7	—	31

Led by bowl MVP Alex Van Pelt's 354 yards passing, Pitt parlayed a John Hancock Bowl-record 530 yards in offense into a 31-28 come-from-behind victory over Texas A&M. It was a day of firsts for the Panthers. Paul Hackett, named head coach moments before kickoff, won his first game as a head coach. It also was Pitt's first bowl win since the Panthers' 24-20 Sugar Bowl victory over Georgia in 1982. Van Pelt, who completed 20 of 40 passes and threw for two touchdowns, rallied the Panthers from a 28-24 deficit, when he connected with Henry Tuten on a 44-yard touchdown

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strike with just 2:19 remaining in the game, giving Pitt a 31-28 lead. Tailback Curvin Richards rushed for 156 yards on 23 carries and scored the first points of the game with a 12-yard TD. Texas A&M countered with a nine-yard touchdown run by quarterback Lance Pavlas, tying the score at 7-7 to end the first quarter. With the score tied at 10 late in the first half, Van Pelt threw an eight-yard touchdown pass to Ronald Redmon, giving Pitt a 17-10 halftime lead. Flanker Olanda Truitt completed his freshman season in stellar fashion, catching four passes for 124 yards, including a key 59-yard reception that set up Redmon's score. Carnel Smith finished the game with 10 tackles and Barry Threats had a game-ending interception, which ended Texas A&M's final drive and secured the Panthers' victory. The Hancock Bowl win marked the end of another decade in Pitt football history and the dawn of the Hackett coaching era. The Panthers finished the 1989 season with an 8-3-1 record.

AXA/Equitable Liberty Bowl
Dec. 31, 1997
Memphis, Tenn., Liberty Bowl

SO. MISS.	**7**	**7**	**14**	**13**	**—**	**41**
PITTSBURGH	**0**	**7**	**0**	**0**	**—**	**7**

Playing its first postseason game in eight seasons, Pittsburgh fell victim to an opportunistic Southern Mississippi defense and suffered a 41-7 defeat in the 1997 AXA/Equitable Liberty Bowl. It was the Panthers' first-ever appearance in the Liberty Bowl and their first bowl game since a 31-28 victory over Texas A&M in the 1989 John Hancock Bowl. Pittsburgh threatened early, driving to the Golden Eagles' 13 on its initial series, but failed to score any points. Southern Miss responded with a pair of touchdown drives for a 14-0 second-quarter lead. The Panther offense, held in check for most of the game, had its lone shinning moment when quarterback Pete Gonzalez connected with Jake Hoffart on an 89-yard pass-and-run touchdown as Pittsburgh trailed 14-7 at halftime. Hoffart, who finished with five catches for 121 yards, set a Liberty Bowl record with his touchdown catch. The Panthers, however, would come no closer. USM's defense returned a fumble and two interceptions for touchdowns in the second half to roll to its first victory ever over Pittsburgh.

Insight.com Bowl
Dec. 28, 2000
Phoenix, Ariz., Bank One Ballpark

IOWA STATE	**7**	**20**	**0**	**10**	**—**	**37**
PITTSBURGH	**7**	**0**	**13**	**9**	**—**	**29**

Making its second postseason appearance under Walt Harris, Pittsburgh rolled up big offensive numbers but fell in a shootout to Iowa State, 37-29, in the Insight.com Bowl. The Panthers held statistical advantages in total offense (491 yards to 375), passing (347 to 308) and rushing (164 to 107). The Panthers struck on their very first possession of the game when John Turman hit a streaking Antonio Bryant for a 72-yard touchdown and 7-0 lead. The Cyclones, however, responded with 27 unanswered points, including 20 in the second period. Pittsburgh pulled within 27-14 when Rod Rutherford snuck in from two yards out. Bryant then made a brilliant diving catch for a 44-yard touchdown and the Panthers trailed 27-20 with 2:05 left in the third. The Panthers' momentum was slowed when Iowa State's JaMain Billups returned a punt 72 yards for a score early in the fourth. Kevan Barlow, who finished with 114 rushing yards, bulled in from the three to make it 34-29 at the 9:45 mark. But the Panthers could draw no closer. The contest marked the first football game ever played in Bank One Ballpark, home of Major League Baseball's Arizona Diamondbacks.

Visit Florida Tangerine Bowl • Dec. 20, 2001
Orlando, Fla., Florida Citrus Bowl

NC STATE	**3**	**7**	**0**	**9**	**—**	**19**
PITTSBURGH	**3**	**21**	**3**	**7**	**—**	**34**

Pittsburgh captured its first bowl victory since 1989 with a 34-19 win over NC State in the Visit Florida Tangerine Bowl. The victory gave the Panthers their strongest close to a season since 1980 by winning their final six games. Hobbled by an ankle injury, Antonio Bryant went on to earn Most Valuable Player honors after catching seven passes for 101 yards and two touchdowns. David Priestley put up MVP-like statistics himself, completing 18-of-32 passes for 271 yards and the two scoring strikes to Bryant. The duo propelled the Panthers to a 24-10 halftime lead. The Pittsburgh defense held strong and limited Wolfpack quarterback Philip Rivers to just 189 yards through the air and sacked him four times. NC State closed to 27-19 in the fourth quarter but blitzing Lewis Moore quelled the threat when he sacked Rivers and forced a fumble. Tyre Young picked it up and ran 16 yards untouched for the clinching TD. Moore, who finished with seven tackles (all solo), including two for losses, was named Pittsburgh's Defensive MVP.

Insight Bowl • Dec. 26, 2002
Phoenix, Ariz., Bank One Ballpark

PITTSBURGH	**7**	**3**	**14**	**14**	**—**	**38**
OREGON STATE	**7**	**3**	**3**	**0**	**—**	**13**

Pittsburgh achieved its finest season in two decades with a 38-13 triumph over Oregon State in the Insight Bowl. The Panthers finished 9-4, their winningest season since 1982, and secured a spot in the final national polls for the first time since 1989. The win marked the Panthers' second consecutive postseason victory. A stifling defensive effort, efficient offense as well as a special teams gem keyed the result. Tied at 10 at halftime, OSU quarterback Derek Anderson was intercepted by Tez Morris, who returned the ball 36 yards to the Beavers' 23 early in the third quarter. Rod Rutherford completed a 22-yard pass to Larry Fitzgerald to the one before rushing up the middle for a 17-10 lead just three minutes into the second half. The Panthers broke open the contest later in the third when Shawn Robinson fielded a punt at the Panthers' 34, ran wide to the right and sprinted down the sideline for a 66-yard touchdown. It was the first punt return for a TD in Pittsburgh's bowl history. Pittsburgh iced the game with a 44-yard touchdown drive climaxed by Brandon Miree's seven-yard burst. Miree, who earned the game's Offensive MVP honor, finished with 113 yards rushing on 20 carries (5.7 avg.). In contrast, OSU tailback Steven Jackson — who entered the game as the nation's fifth-leading rusher — was held to a season-low 34 yards.

CONTINENTAL TIRE BOWL
DEC. 27, 2003
Charlotte, N.C., Ericsson Stadium

PITTSBURGH	**0**	**13**	**3**	**0**	**—**	**16**
VIRGINIA	**7**	**10**	**3**	**3**	**—**	**23**

A skillful and methodical opening drive that moved 69 yards to the Virginia one-yard line ultimately failed to produce any points, setting the tone in Pittsburgh's 23-16 loss in the Continental Tire Bowl. Virginia

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scored the game's first touchdown four plays later and went on to win its second consecutive Continental Tire Bowl. Missed opportunities were the theme for Pitt, which finished 8-5 for the season, with a missed extra point, missed field goal, an interception and a lost fumble on a potential game-tying drive. Heisman Trophy runner-up Larry Fitzgerald saw his NCAA record touchdown streak end at 18 games, but the All-American still led the Panthers with five catches for 77 yards. Brandon Miree rushed for 110 yards and added four receptions, including one for a 17-yard touchdown. The scoring pass from Rod Rutherford was his 37th of the season, tying Dan Marino's school record set in 1981.

TOSTITOS FIESTA BOWL
JAN. 1, 2005
Tempe, Ariz., Sun Devil Stadium

PITTSBURGH	**0**	**0**	**7**	**0**	**—**	**7**
UTAH	**7**	**7**	**21**	**0**	**—**	**35**

Making its first appearance in the Fiesta Bowl since the 1983 season, Pitt fell victim to a lethal Utah passing game and equally potent pass rush in a 35-7 defeat. Tyler Palko was sacked a Fiesta Bowl-record nine times and the Panthers' offense was grounded most of the evening. The Utes finished the 2004 season with a 12-0 record and ranked as high as fourth in the final polls. Pitt finished with an 8-4 mark and ranked No. 25. Utah scored touchdowns on five of its first seven possessions, including all three in the third quarter. Pitt advanced into Utah territory three times in the first half but four sacks and a blocked field goal kept the Panthers off the scoreboard. The Panthers' lone score came on a beautiful over-the-shoulder grab by Greg Lee that went for a 31-yard touchdown with 4:28 left in the third quarter. Lee had seven receptions for 93 yards, while fellow wideout Joe DelSardo had nine catches for 109 yards.

John Brown and Dan Marino celebrate their 1982 Sugar Bowl victory.

Pitt's Bobby Grier was the first African-American to play in the Sugar Bowl when he suited up on Jan. 2, 1956.

Jackie Sherrill and Johnny Majors celebrate Pitt's 33-19 defeat of Kansas in the 1975 Sun Bowl.

Pittsburgh Bowl Game History

Year	Bowl	Opponent	Pitt	Opp.	Record
1927*	Rose Bowl	Stanford	6	7	8-1-1
1929*	Rose Bowl	U.S.C.	14	47	9-1
1932*	Rose Bowl	U.S.C.	0	35	8-1-2
1936*	Rose Bowl	Washington	21	0	8-1-1
1955*	Sugar Bowl	Georgia Tech	0	7	7-4
1956	Gator Bowl	Georgia Tech	14	21	7-3-1
1973	Fiesta Bowl	Arizona State	7	28	6-5-1
1975	Sun Bowl	Kansas	33	19	8-4
1976*	Sugar Bowl	Georgia	27	3	12-0
1977	Gator Bowl	Clemson	34	3	9-2-1
1978	Tangerine Bowl	N.C. State	17	30	8-4
1979	Fiesta Bowl	Arizona	16	10	11-1
1980	Gator Bowl	South Carolina	37	9	11-1
1981*	Sugar Bowl	Georgia	24	20	11-1
1982*	Cotton Bowl	S.M.U.	3	7	9-3
1983*	Fiesta Bowl	Ohio State	23	28	8-3-1
1987	Bluebonnet Bowl	Texas	27	32	8-4
1989	John Hancock Bowl	Texas A&M	31	28	8-3-1
1997	Liberty Bowl	Southern Mississippi	7	41	6-6
2000	Insight.com Bowl	Iowa State	29	37	7-5
2001	Tangerine Bowl	NC State	34	19	7-5
2002	Insight Bowl	Oregon State	38	13	9-4
2003	Continental Tire Bowl	Virginia	16	23	8-5
2004*	Tostitos Fiesta Bowl	Utah	7	35	8-4

**Game played on New Year's Day, or Jan. 2 of following calendar year*

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Bowl Records

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

RUSHING

Most Attempts: 32, Tony Dorsett (Sugar, 1977)
Most Net Yards: 202, Tony Dorsett (Sugar, 1977)
Longest Rush: 69, Toby Uansa (Rose 1930)
Rushing Touchdowns: 2, Tony Dorsett (Sun, 1975)

PASSING

Most Attempts: 44, John Congemi (Fiesta, 1984)
Most Completions: 31, John Congemi (Fiesta, 1984)
Most Yards: 387, Matt Cavanaugh (Gator, 1977)
Most Touchdowns: 4, Matt Cavanaugh (Gator, 1977)
Most Interceptions: 3, Rick Trocano (Tangerine, 1978),
Billy Daniels (Fiesta, 1973)
Longest Passing Play: 89, Pete Gonzalez to Jake Hoffart (Liberty, 1997)

TOTAL OFFENSE

Most Plays: 50, John Congemi (Fiesta, 1984)
Most Yards: 402, Matt Cavanaugh (Gator, 1977) (387 pass, 15 rush)
Touchdown Responsibility: 4, Matt Cavanaugh (Gator, 1977) (4 pass, 0 rush)

RECEIVING

Most Receptions: 10, Gordon Jones (Gator, 1977)
Most Yards: 163, Gordon Jones (Gator, 1977)
Most Touchdown Receptions: 3, Elliot Walker (Gator, 1977)
Longest Pass Reception: 89, Jake Hoffart from Pete Gonzalez (Liberty, 1997)

PUNTING

Most Times Punted: 8, John Rasp (Bluebonnet, 1987)
Highest Average: 44.7, Anthony Rechhia (Cotton, 1983)
Longest Punt: 55, Andy Lee (Insight, 2002)

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Interceptions: 2, three times
Most Interception Return Yards: 71, Bill Daddio, 1 INT. (Rose, 1937)
Longest Interception Return: 71, Bill Daddio, (Rose, 1937)
Interception Return for a Touchdown: 71, Bill Daddio, (Rose, 1937)

PUNT RETURNS

Most Returned: 4, Alonzo Hampton (John Hancock, 1989)
Shawn Robinson (Insight, 2002)
Most Yards: 66, Shawn Robinson (Insight, 2002)
Longest Punt Return: 66, Shawn Robinson (Insight, 2002)
Punt Return for a Touchdown: 1, Shawn Robinson (Insight, 2002) (66-yard return)

SCORING

Most Touchdowns Scored: 3, Elliot Walker (Gator, 1977)
Most Points Scored: 18, Elliot Walker (Gator, 1977)
Most Points Scored (Kick): 13, Eric Schubert (Fiesta, 1979)
Dave Trout (Gator, 1980)
Most PAT Attempted: 4, three times
Most PAT Made: 4, three times
Most FG Attempted: 3, Dave Trout (Gator, 1980)
Eric Schubert (Fiesta, 1979)
Most FG Made: 3, Dave Trout (Gator, 1980)
Eric Schubert (Fiesta, 1979)
Longest Field Goal: 46, Eric Schubert (Fiesta, 1979)

MISCELLANEOUS

Fumbles Returned for TD: Tyre Young, 16 yards (Tangerine, 2001); Jimmy Hagan, 20 yards (Rose, 1928)
Three 100-yard Rushers: Tony Dorsett (142), Elliot Walker (123), and Robert Haywood (101), (Sun, 1975)

Tony Dorsett rushed for two second-quarter touchdowns and totaled 142 yards on the ground in Pitt's 33-19 win over Kansas in the 1975 Sun Bowl. Dorsett was one of three 100-yard rushers for the Panthers in that victory.

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TEAM RECORDS

RUSHING
Most Attempts: 66 (Sugar, 1977)
Most Net Yards: 288 (Sugar, 1977)
Rushing Touchdowns: 3
(Sun, 1975 & Insight, 2002)

PASSING
Most Attempts: 46 (Fiesta, 1984)
Most Completions: 31(Fiesta, 1984)
Most Yards: 387 (Gator, 1977)
Most Touchdowns: 4 (Gator, 1977)
Most Interceptions: 4 (Sun, 1973)

TOTAL OFFENSE
Most Plays: 88 (Gator, 1977)
Most Yards: 566 (Gator, 1977)
(179 pass, 387 rush)

PUNTING
Most Times Punted: 9 (Rose, 1928)
Highest Average: 44.7 (Cotton, 1983)

INTERCEPTIONS
Most Interceptions: 5 (Rose, 1928)
Most Interception Return Yards: 78
(Rose, 1937)

PUNT RETURNS
Most Returned: 6 (Gator, 1980)
Most Yards: 83 (Insight, 2002)

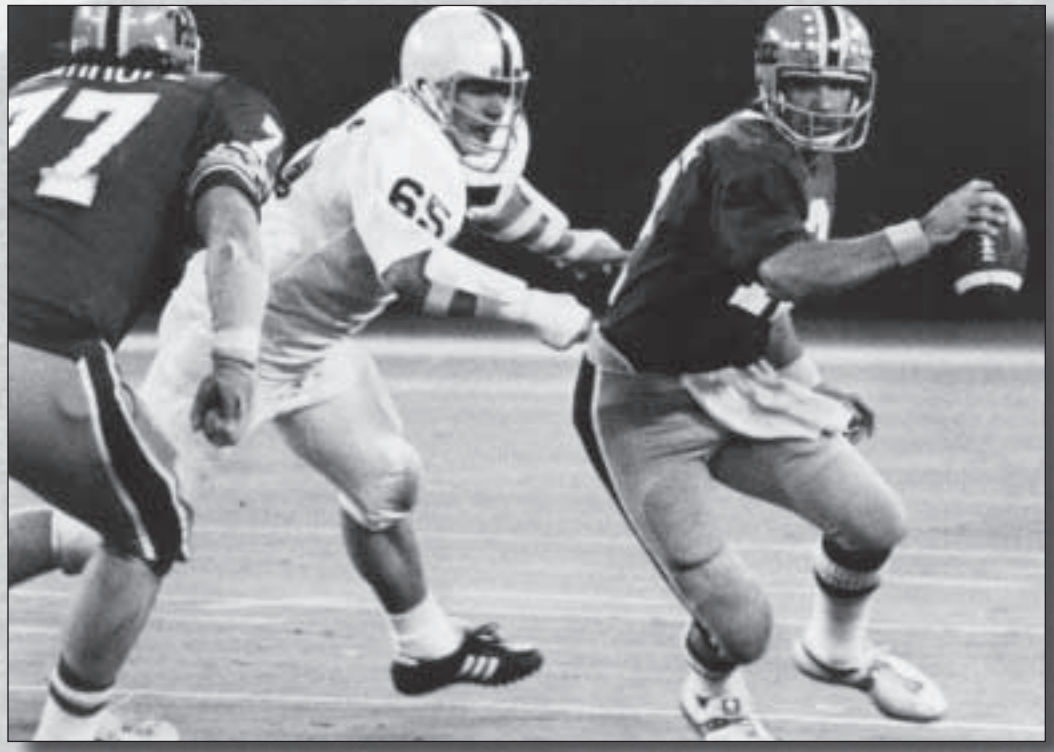
KICKOFF RETURNS
Most Returned: 7 (Insight.com 2000)
Most Yards: 128 (Tangerine, 2001)

SCORING
Most Points Scored: 38 (Insight, 2002)
Most Points in a Quarter: 21,
Second quarter (Tangerine, 2001)
Most Points in a Half: 28, second half
(Insight, 2002)
Most Touchdowns Scored: 4, five times
Most Field Goals Made: 3
(Gator, 1980 & Fiesta, 1979)

MISCELLANEOUS
Most First Downs: 30 (Gator, 1977)
Most First Downs Rushing: 18
(Sugar, 1977)
Most First Downs Passing: 18
(Gator, 1977)
Most Penalties: 14 (Sugar, 1982)
Most Penalty Yards: 96 (Sugar, 1982)
Most Fumbles: 5, three times
Most Fumbles Lost: 4 (Sun, 1973)
Most Blocked Extra Points: 3 (Sun, 1973)

OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Most Rushing Yards: 145, Robert Wilson,
Texas A&M (John Hancock, 1989)
Most Rushing TDs: 3, Woody Green,
Arizona State (Fiesta, 1973)
Most Passing Yards: 368, Brett Stafford,
Texas (Bluebonnet, 1987)
Most Passing TDs: 4, Alex Smith, Utah
(Fiesta, 2004)
Most Receiving Yards: 242, Tony Jones,
Texas (Bluebonnet, 1987)
Most Receiving TDs: 2, Chris Anthony,
Iowa State (Insight.com, 2000)
Tony Jones, Texas (Bluebonnet, 1987)
Paris Warren, Utah (Fiesta, 2004)
Most Interceptions: 2, Dave Liggins,
Arizona (Fiesta, 1979)
Mike Haynes, Arizona State
(Fiesta, 1973)



Current Pitt offensive coordinator Matt Cavanaugh set numerous bowl records at Pitt as a player, including most passing yards (387) and most touchdowns passing (four) in the 1977 Gator Bowl.

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Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg

When Mark Nordenberg and his family – then consisting of his wife, his daughter and his dog – drove into Pittsburgh in a rental truck in the summer of 1977, they never imagined that their stay would become such an extended one. However, what began as a temporary nine-month teaching stint has become a far more permanent, and very special, relationship. Over the course of the next three decades, the young law professor quickly advanced through the faculty ranks – from visiting assistant professor to Distinguished Service Professor, and assumed a succession of key leadership positions – Dean of the School of Law, Interim Provost and Chancellor of the University.

This past summer marked the end of Professor Nordenberg's 13th year of service as Chancellor. Whatever the superstitious might have predicted, nothing about that 13th year was unlucky for Pitt. Instead, this was the 13th consecutive year that was markedly better than the one that had preceded it, a remarkable record of sustained institutional success for our University. It was, in short, another period of significant, and often spectacular, progress – a real credit, as the Chancellor likes to say, to the talented and committed people of Pitt.

In terms of overall performance, this was the second consecutive year in which Pitt was ranked in the very top cluster of America's public research universities in the annual assessment of *The Top American Research Universities*. That study, prepared by the Center for Measuring University Performance, is tied to objective measures spanning key areas of performance – faculty awards, quality undergraduates, strength of graduate and post-graduate programs, research impact and private support. Only seven universities were included in the Center's very top cluster – Berkeley, Illinois, Michigan, North Carolina, Pitt, UCLA and Wisconsin.

The University also advanced on two key measures of research strength. In terms of National Institutes of Health grants attracted by members of our faculty, we moved into sixth place nationally. The NIH top 10 consists of Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Penn, the University of California at San Francisco, the University of Washington, Pitt, UCLA, Duke, Michigan and Washington University in St. Louis. In terms of total federal science and engineering research and development grants won by our faculty, Pitt now ranks 11th nationally – sitting just outside a very strong top 10 that consists of Johns Hopkins, Washington, Penn, UCLA, Michigan, Stanford, the University of California at San Francisco, Duke, Columbia and Harvard.

In terms of student achievement, Pitt undergraduates continued to win national honors, adding to a list of awards that, just since 1995, includes two Rhodes Scholarships, six Marshall Scholarships, five Truman Scholarships, four Udall Scholarships, one Churchill Scholarship, 31 Goldwater Scholarships, and three Mellon Humanities Fellows. Of course, tens of thousands of other Pitt students crafted more private, but equally important, records of achievement, as they continued to build the educational foundations from which they will pursue their own life dreams. And Pitt students visibly demonstrated their fond feelings about their University by sponsoring an "I Love Pitt Day."

Faculty members were elected to such prestigious organizations as the Institute of Medicine, the National Academy of Education, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Clearly demonstrating that our pipeline of talent is strong, junior faculty members had an unprecedented year, receiving such high honors as a Presidential Early Career Award for Science and Engineering, two Howard Hughes Medical Foundation Early Career Physician Scientist Awards, five National Science Foundation Early Career Development Awards, and a Beckman Young Investigator's Award.

The University celebrated a truly transformational event when University Trustee John Swanson made his historic $41.3 million gift to support what now has been named the Swanson School of Engineering in his honor. As Chancellor Nordenberg noted at

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the time, it is highly unusual for one of a university's most distinguished graduates – the winner of the Fritz Medal, engineering's highest honor, and the founder of ANSYS, a major Pittsburgh area employer and a global pioneer in the application of software to product design and testing – to also become its most generous donor. Dr. Swanson's gift helped propel Pitt past the $1.25 billion mark in its $2 billion capital campaign. Attracting such support is critical at a time when government support for public higher education is lagging. The Commonwealth appropriation, which once represented nearly one-third of Pitt's annual operating budget, now amounts to just 11 percent of that budget, for example.

In athletics, the past year brought many memorable performances. Among them, our football Panthers derailed the national-championship-bound "Mountaineer Express." Our men's basketball team captured the Big East Tournament Championship. Our women's basketball team reached the NCAA's Sweet Sixteen for the first time ever. And wrestler Keith Gavin completed a remarkable, 27-win, undefeated season by claiming an NCAA championship.

The past year also was a memorable one for Chancellor Nordenberg in two other ways. After many months of careful study, a Citizens' Committee that he had chaired recommended that the governments of Allegheny County and the City of Pittsburgh be consolidated – a recommendation that was quickly embraced by Allegheny County Chief Executive Dan Onorato and City of Pittsburgh Mayor Luke Ravenstahl. And Pitt students named their new social and recreational center in the William Pitt Union in the Chancellor's honor – which he has gratefully described as a reflection of the student-oriented commitment of Pitt's entire leadership team.

Long respected by his students, Chancellor Nordenberg was the first recipient of the Law School's Excellence-in-Teaching Award and was one of the first recipients of the Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award. His academic specialty is civil litigation, and he has served as a member of both the U.S. Supreme Court's Advisory Committee on Civil Rules and the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's Civil Procedural Rules Committee. He is an active civic leader and has chaired efforts focused on such matters as the challenges facing the state's urban schools, the work force development needs of the region, and issues of governance in the city's public schools. He also has led a number of technology-based economic development initiatives, serves on the executive committee of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development and is a Director of Bank of New York Mellon.

Chancellor Mark Nordenberg and his wife Dr. Nikki Nordenberg in one of the Cathedral of Learning's 27 nationality classrooms.

Among his many honors, Chancellor Nordenberg has been named Pittsburgh's Person of the Year by both Vectors Pittsburgh and *Pittsburgh* magazine. To celebrate his first decade in office, University trustees, alumni leaders and other special friends contributed $2.5 million to endow a faculty chair in his name.

Chancellor Nordenberg served as Chair of the Big East Conference during its recent period of reorganization.

He currently is a member of the conference Executive Committee, is its representative to the Bowl Championship Series presidential oversight committee, and is co-chairing its search for a new commissioner. He also is a past member of the board and executive committee of the NCAA.

Born in Duluth, Minnesota, Chancellor Nordenberg first moved to this region as a high school senior, when his father was transferred to Pittsburgh by U.S. Steel. He is an honors graduate of North Allegheny High School, Thiel College, and the University of Wisconsin Law School. He has been married for 37 years to Nikki Pirillo Nordenberg, who earned her Ph.D. at Pitt.

The Nordenbergs have three adult children – Erin, Carl and Michael. All are graduates of the University's Falk School. Erin also earned a master's degree from Pitt's School of Information Sciences.

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Athletic Director Steve Pederson

The setting couldn't have been more Pittsburgh.

On a sun-splashed summer afternoon, Steve Pederson walked briskly down Smallman Street in the city's historic Strip District. His destination was the Heinz History Center, which was in the midst of commemorating Pittsburgh's 250th birthday.

This particular occasion was a celebration of Pittsburgh's famed sports heritage. As a large video wall replayed the Pirates' 1979 World Series triumph, Pederson strode through the lobby to a live television broadcast that featured Steel City sports heroes past and present.

Sitting down in front of a swelling audience in the makeshift studio, Pederson waxed nostalgic about Pitt's illustrious sports history. He also made it a point to glow optimistically about the Panthers' future.

When his interview was over, Pederson made sure he shook every hand in the audience. He even obliged when asked to sign the PITT T-shirt a fan was wearing.

Whether it's thanking a Panther fan or working to make a new one, Pitt's athletic director will always seize the opportunity with equal enthusiasm.

Born and bred in America's heartland, Pederson and his family have come to call Pittsburgh, and Pitt, home. His return to the university on November 30, 2007, gave the Pitt Athletic Department a shot of adrenaline that continues to be felt a year later. His mantra of "Only Big Dreams" resonates with each student-athlete and staffer — the Panthers will work hard and aim high in every endeavor.

Those were the qualities that led University of Pittsburgh chancellor Mark Nordenberg to lure Pederson back as athletic director. Nordenberg originally tapped Pederson to head Pitt's athletic department in October 1996. During the next six years, the Panthers' athletic fortunes elevated dramatically on and off the field, prompting a Pittsburgh newspaper to dub Pitt "Comeback U."

Pederson departed Pitt in December 2002 to become athletic director at his alma mater, the University of Nebraska. He returned to Pittsburgh nearly 11 years to the day of his initial Pitt appointment by Nordenberg.

"For six exciting years, Steve Pederson led the University of Pittsburgh through a period of unprecedented progress in intercollegiate athletics," Chancellor Nordenberg said. "For many, the most visible development was the stunning transformation of our athletic facilities. But this also was a period in which our teams competed at dramatically higher levels, national attention was re-ignited, fan interest and attendance soared, programs for the overall development of our student-athletes were strengthened, and uncompromising standards of institutional integrity were maintained. In my judgment, and this assessment is shared by countless others, Steve Pederson is one of this country's most talented and accomplished athletic directors, and I am very pleased that he is returning to Pitt."

"I am grateful to Chancellor Nordenberg for the opportunity to again be part of this great university, city and region," Pederson said. "Leaving here six years ago was the hardest professional decision of my life. Coming back was the easiest. As great as the past has been at Pitt, the future is even brighter.

"I get up every morning so excited to come to work at Pitt. In some ways I feel like a part of me was always here, and my return has ignited a passion that is even greater than before. I am the luckiest man in the world to be at Pitt and have my family back in Pittsburgh. I feel very blessed to be back working for this great university."

During his initial Pitt tenure, Pederson hired six Big East Conference Coach-of-the-Year honorees (football, men's and women's basketball, baseball, track and field and volleyball), an unprecedented achievement by a Big East athletic director.

In 1999 he charged an unknown coach from Northern Arizona University with the task of resurrecting the Panthers' struggling men's basketball program. That coach, Ben Howland, would build Pitt into a Big East power and was named the consensus National Coach of the Year in 2002.

Pitt, which had not been to the NCAA Tournament in nine years, advanced to the "Sweet 16" in 2002 after posting a school-record 29 victories. The following season, Pitt would reach No. 2 in the polls, capture its first Big East Tournament championship and again advance to the NCAA regional semifinals. Since that time, Pitt basketball has become one of the nation's most consistent winners, advancing to seven consecutive NCAA Tournaments from 2002-2008.

Current Pitt basketball coach Jamie Dixon recalled how instrumental Pederson was in helping to lure him to Pittsburgh to serve with Howland nine years ago.

"Steve was the person who originally convinced me to come to the University of Pittsburgh back in 1999," Dixon said. "He has continued to be a tremendous friend and a person I have regularly sought out for advice and direction over the years. I am incredibly excited that Steve and his wife Tami are returning to our university. Everyone in our department is going to benefit from his leadership."

Pitt football was revitalized under Pederson's watch. Upon his arrival, the Panthers were coming off seven consecutive seasons without a bowl. By the end of his tenure, Pitt earned four bowl berths in six years, including back-to-back postseason wins in 2001 and 2002. The '02 team finished 9-4, the program's best mark in 20 years, and ranked No. 18 in the final polls.

One of the stars of that 2002 team was receiver Larry Fitzgerald, who would become a unanimous All-American and now is an All-Pro performer for the Arizona Cardinals.

"When I decided to go to Pitt, it was for many reasons – a great school, a great football tradition and great people," Fitzgerald said. "Steve Pederson was one of those great people who made me feel like Pitt was the place for me. I couldn't be happier that Steve is back and I know Pitt will benefit greatly from his leadership."

While Pederson was instrumental in helping to revive Pitt football's present, he was very attentive to honoring the program's historic past. One of his first major

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Athletic Director Steve Pederson

steps as athletic director was to retire the jerseys of all-time Pitt greats Mike Ditka, Marshall Goldberg and Joe Schmidt. Pederson later initiated the Pitt jersey retirement of Mark May, the Panthers' lone Outland Trophy winner.

Pitt enjoyed tremendous achievements in attendance under Pederson. In NCAA Division I men's basketball, Pitt ranked among the nation's top five schools in attendance increase for two consecutive years (2001-02 and 2002-03). The 2002-03 basketball season – the inaugural campaign in the 12,508-seat Petersen Events Center – was sold out. Capitalizing on the exciting and unanticipated success of the 2001-02 basketball team, Pitt held a highly successful "select your seat" campaign for prospective season-ticket holders that simultaneously achieved customer satisfaction as well as enhanced fundraising.

In football, Pederson formed a marketing and ticket pricing plan that resulted in record attendance for the 2003 season. Season tickets were soldout for the '03 campaign as the Panthers averaged an all-time record 59,197 fans for their home season, surpassing the previous mark of 54,818 set in 1982.

Pederson's tenure witnessed a major strengthening of Pitt's athletic infrastructure. With Chancellor Nordenberg, he helped shape the vision of the Petersen Events Center, the state-of-the-art convocation center that dramatically revolutionized Pitt's campus upon its opening in 2002.

The Events Center is widely considered one of the finest college basketball venues in the country and has also been a major asset for student life, providing outstanding recreational facilities and a fitting place for graduation ceremonies.

Pederson was at the forefront of the football program's move into the UPMC Sports Performance Complex, which included the forging of a unique relationship between UPMC, a professional sports franchise and college athletic program. He personally oversaw the design and layout of the Panthers' Duratz Athletic Complex, which houses Pitt's football offices and training areas, and has been described as the finest facility for a college football program in the country.

Pitt football gained a sparkling new home in Heinz Field under Pederson's watch in 2001.The Panthers gained a prominent presence at the new stadium with their logos on the seating, gates and signage. Pederson additionally initiated the renaming of Martindale Street to "Tony Dorsett Drive" to further enhance Pitt's identity on the North Shore.

"Steve Pederson made many important contributions during his first tenure as Pitt's athletic director from which the university is still seeing the benefits today," said Pittsburgh Steelers chairman Dan Rooney. "He played an integral role in the development of Heinz Field and the UPMC Sports Performance Complex where both Pitt and the Steelers run their football operations. His return to Pittsburgh should be cause for a lot of optimism for the future of Pitt's athletic program."

Fitzgerald Field House underwent a major renovation in 1998-99, providing Pitt's Olympic sports programs with new locker and training facilities. Trees Field also underwent major upgrades to accommodate both baseball and Pitt's new softball program.

During his five years at Nebraska, Pederson was also at the forefront of significant facilities construction, including a $51 million expansion to Memorial Stadium. The project resulted in new football facilities as well as new strength, sports medicine and indoor facilities for baseball, softball, soccer and sand volleyball. Additionally, the women's volleyball, gymnastics and rifle teams received a new office complex. Athletics fundraising doubled over his final four years, going from $9 million annually in 2003 to $16 million his final year.

Nebraska achieved at exceptional levels athletically and academically during his tenure. In 2006-07, the Cornhuskers won the national championship in women's volleyball, while the football team won the 2006 Big 12 North title and advanced to its first New Year's Day bowl game since 2001. Overall, 15 Nebraska teams earned NCAA invitations. Academically, Nebraska earned a school-record 94% graduation rate, the highest in the Big 12 last year, while Cornhusker student-athletes achieved a combined 3.0 grade-point average during the 2007 spring semester.

Pederson and his wife Tami have three children: Mark, Kari and Kristin.

The Pederson Family (left to right): son Mark and his fiancée Brooke, Steve and Tami, daughters Kristin and Kari.

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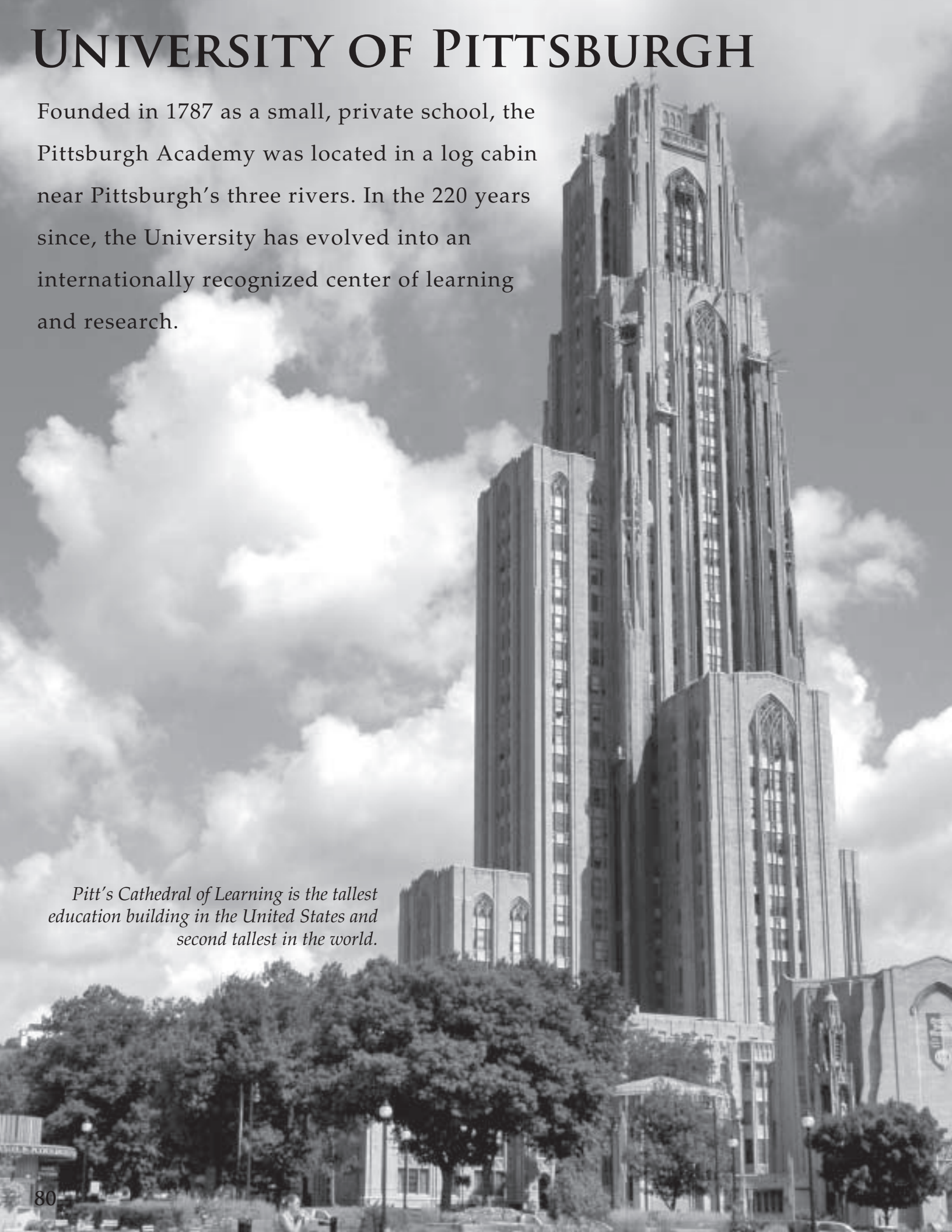

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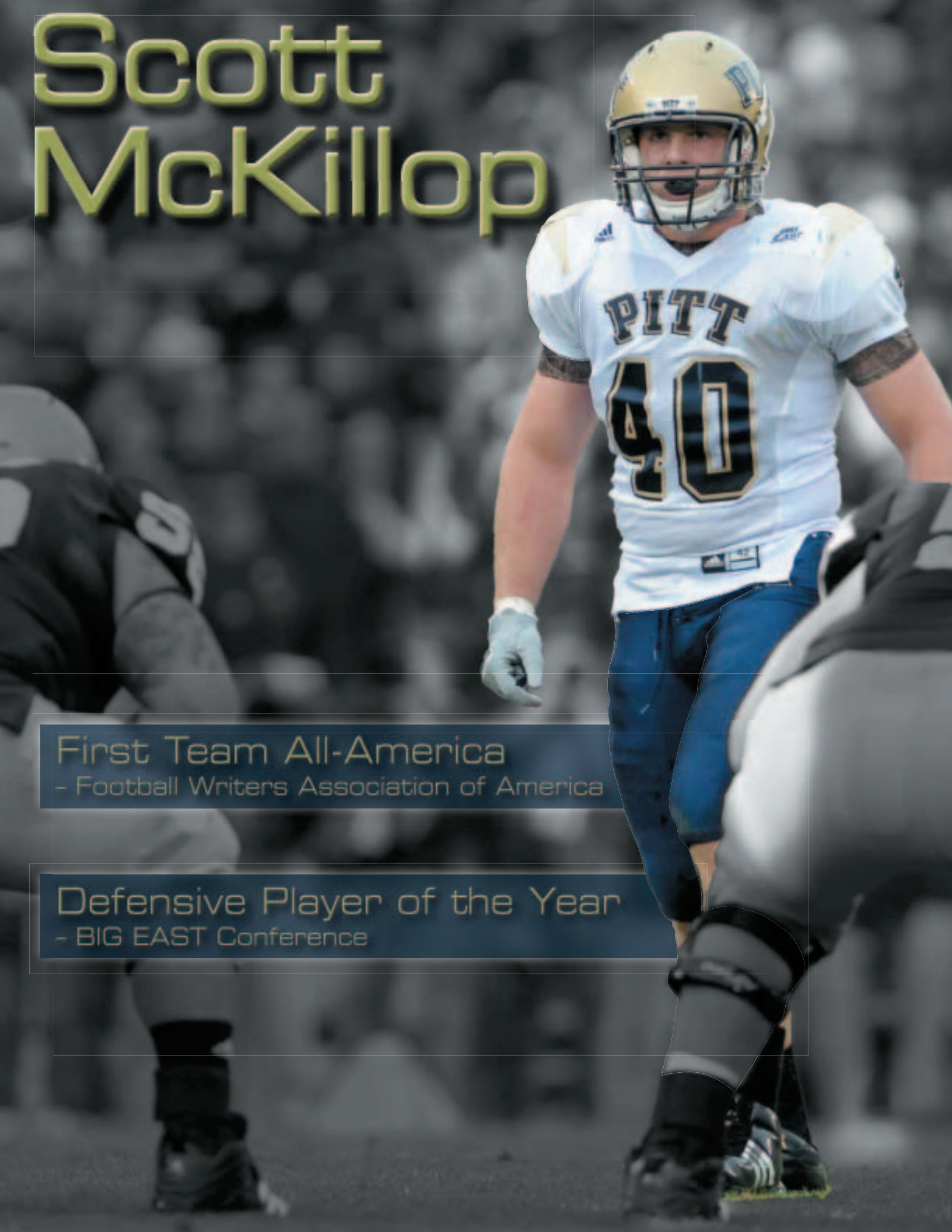

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